Catch'em while you can

DIANE RUSCHE

Diane

Hm glad we at least have lunch together, because then I have someone to walk around with. We didn't see each other during summer so we could go anywhere and raise a little hell. What did you do hibernate? Hm sure everyone thought it did. Well I better sign off. See ya this year.

Sue.

Diane
Howdy. I hope
I see you sometime

Mark Koral

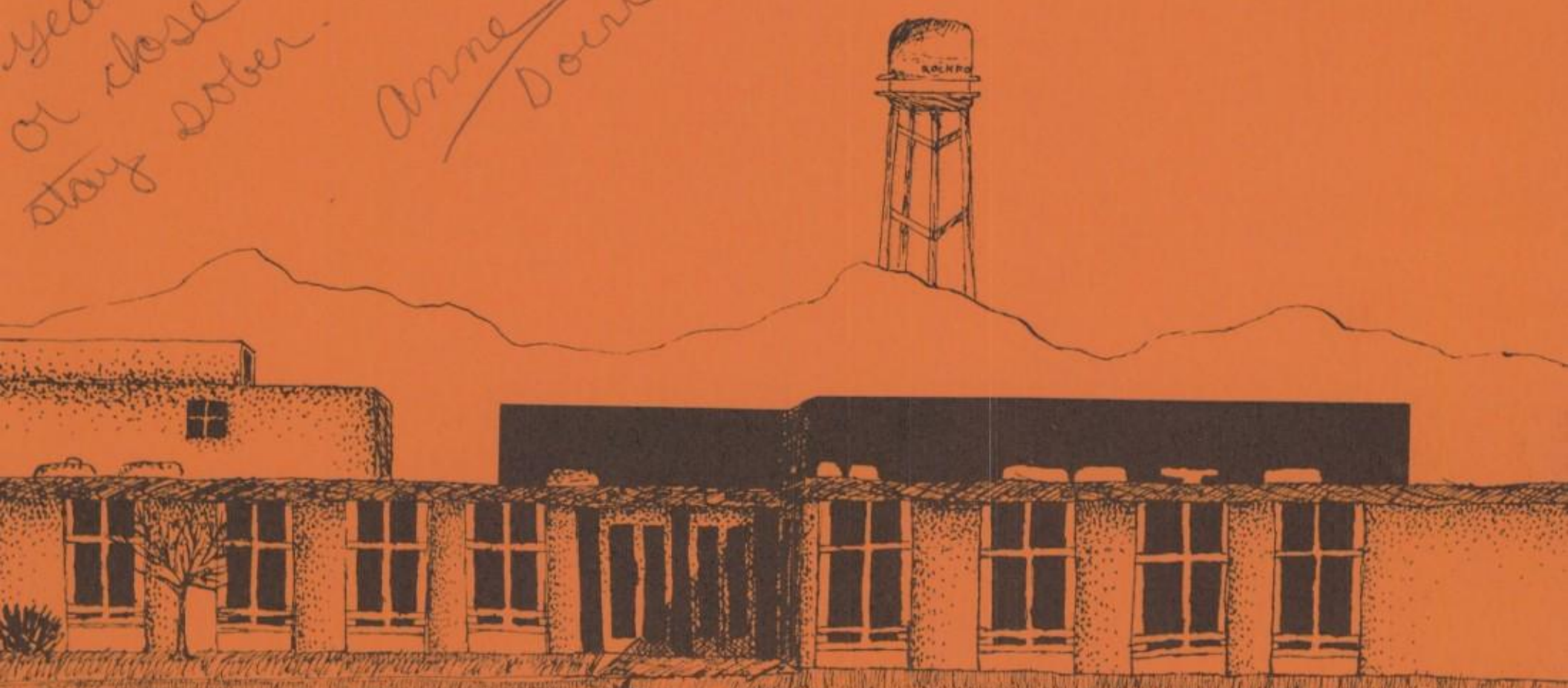
ROCKFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rams Tale

Rockford Senior High School
4855 Ten Mile Rd.
Rockford, Michigan 49341

Diane,
I hope we
have fun this
year, looking forward
to chose. Take it easy and
stay sober.

Anne
Dawn



Diane,
I had fun so far. Being in school
with you. I had fun in S.H. with
you too. I hope Rick, Ann
Thelma

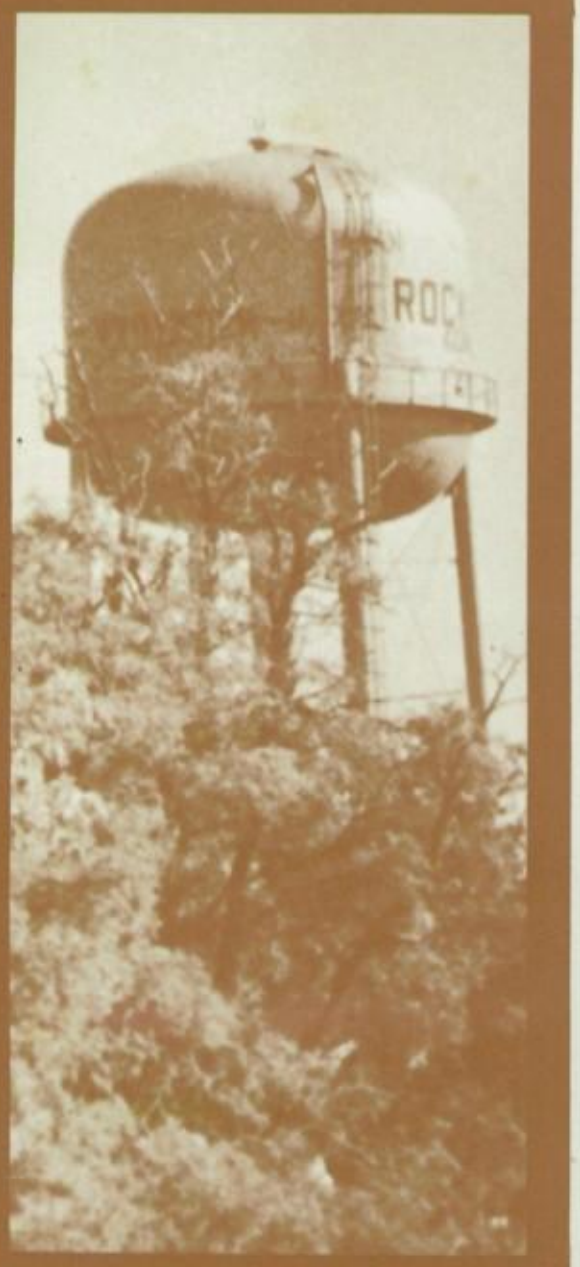
Rick Dawn

Diane,
We really didn't
talk at that much
But I still remember.
All the times we laughed!
Remember peeing your
pants in Mr. Olson's class.
All the times running
to class. Burnt
cause). Bwah.
Stay cool.
Love
P.S.

Diane,
Stay cool
because you
are awesome!
Love,
Diane

"83 Graduation

Thanks for being such a great friend
for me!



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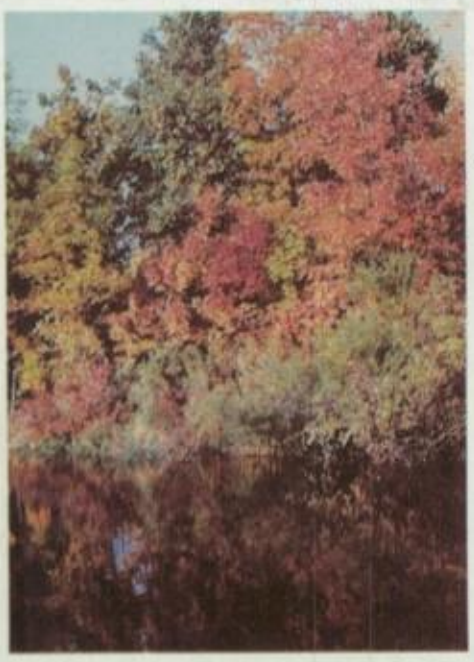
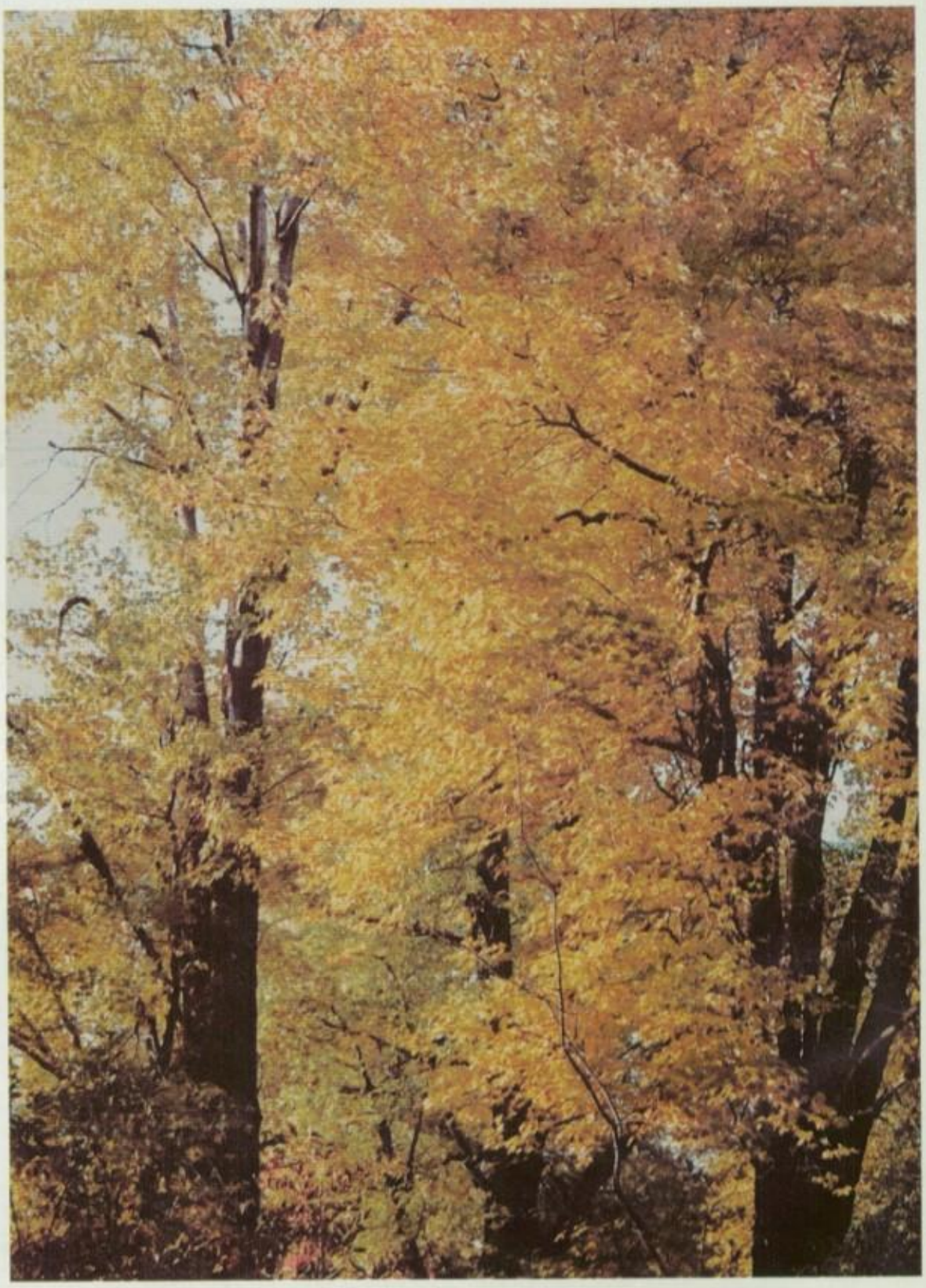
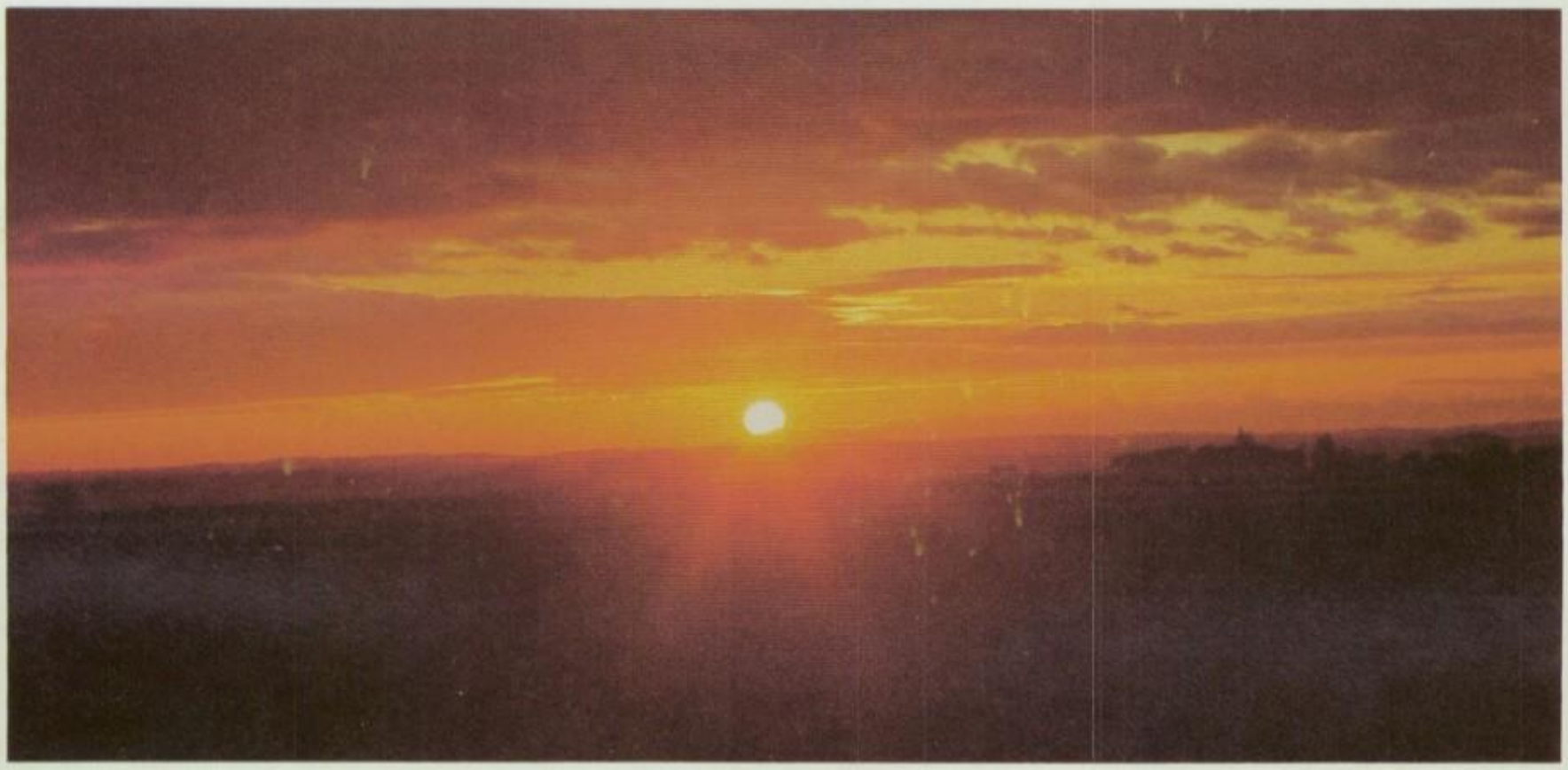
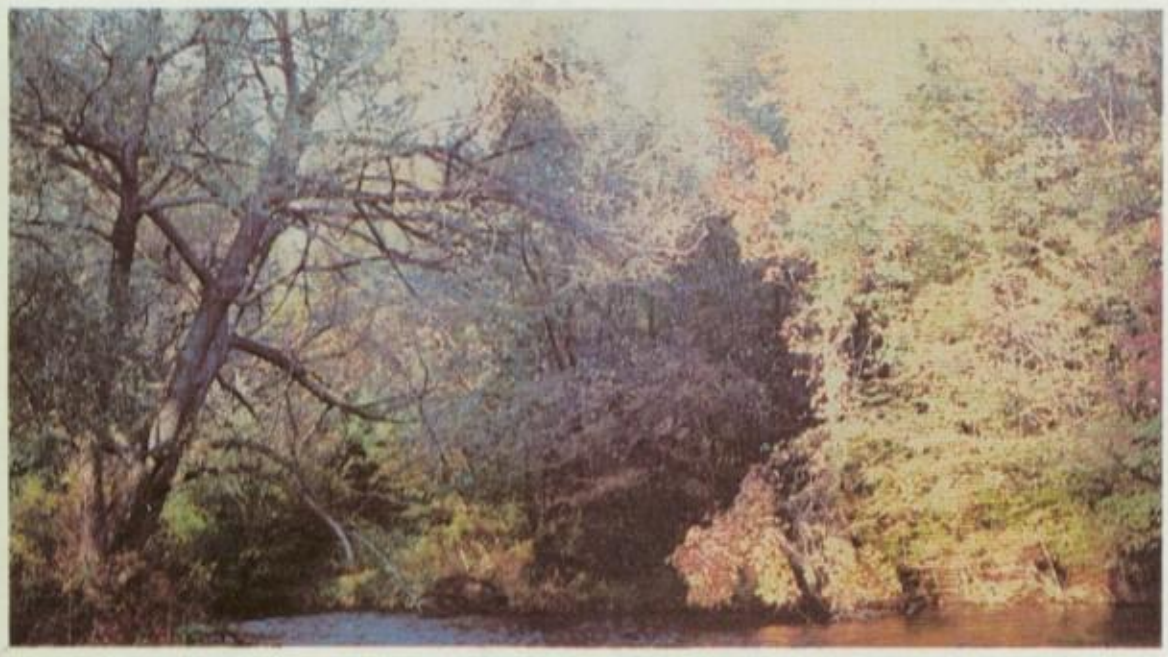
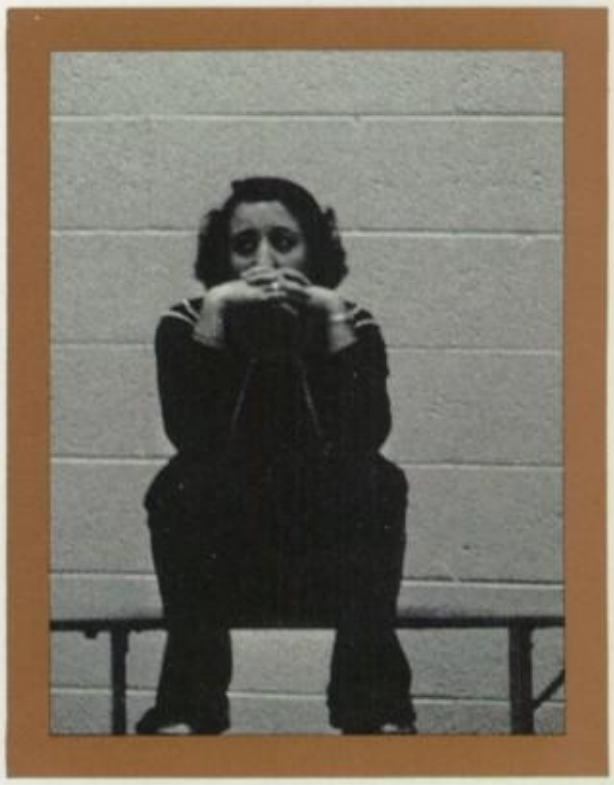




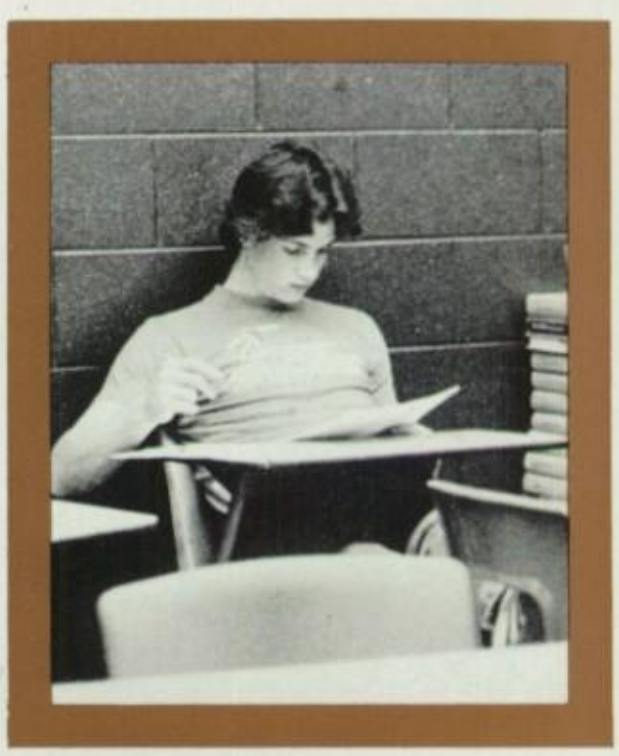


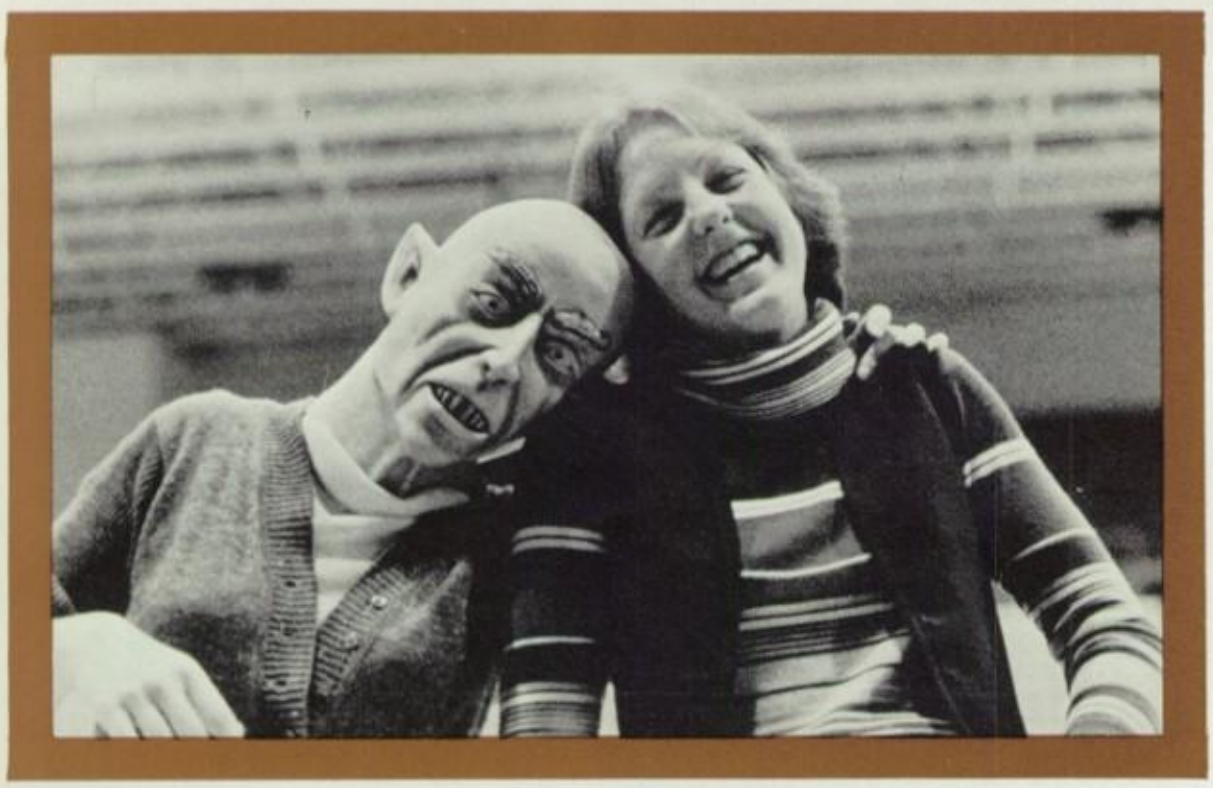


The moments of summer
became memories
as we drifted into
the school year.



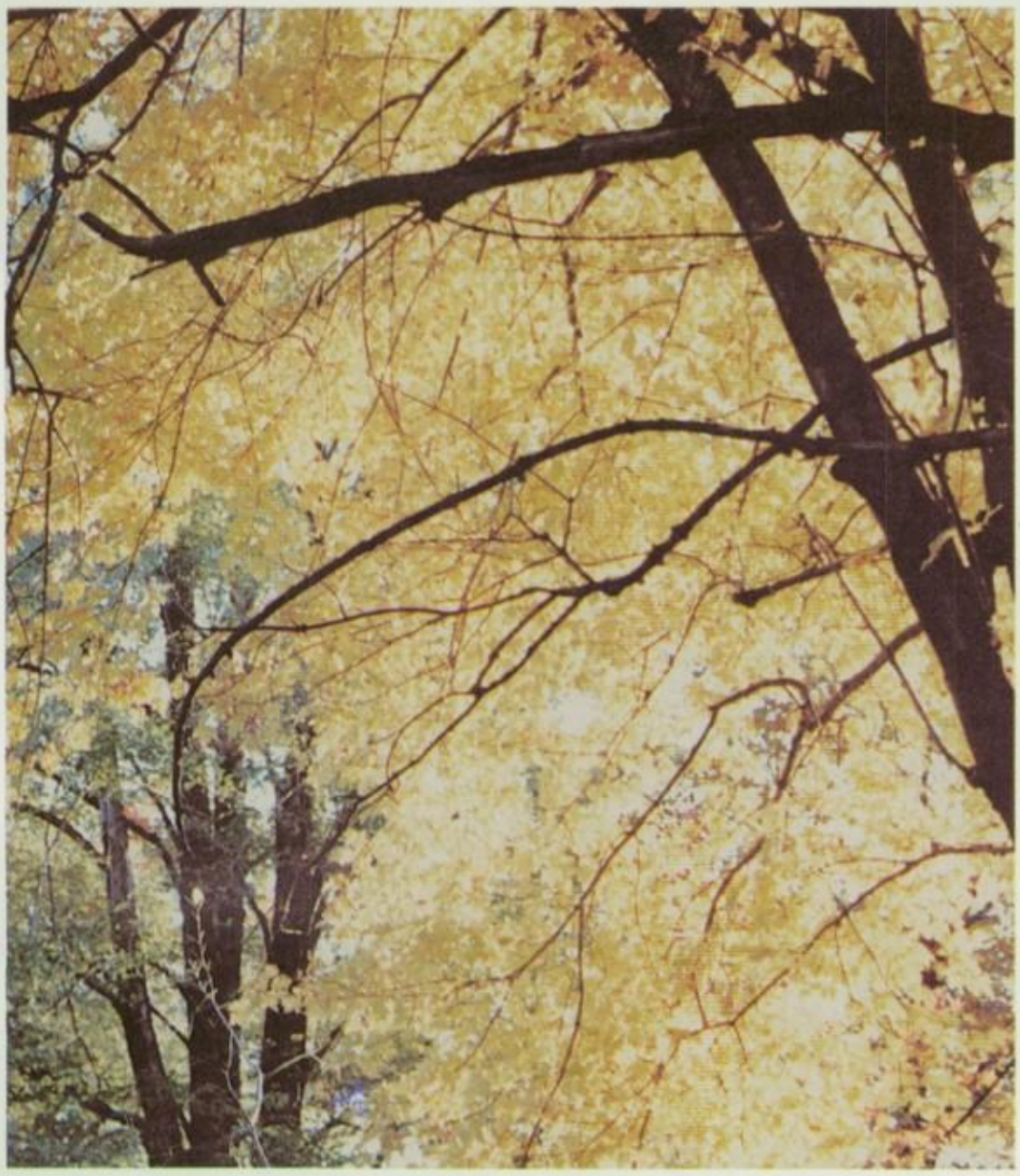
Soon we were caught up
by the moods of those around us
and the continual happenings
of everyday.

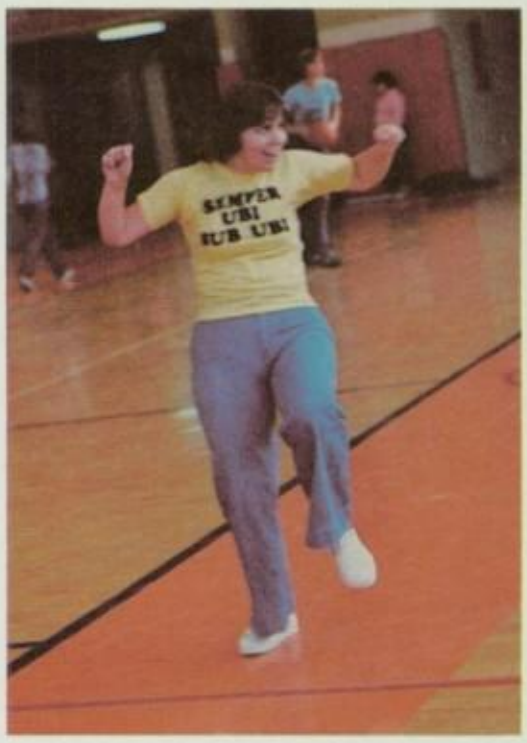




Moments of solitude
friendship
good times and good feelings
along with the bad

The seasons and the people
go by so fast
the only thing
you can do
is . . .





"Catch 'em while you can!"

FALL

HOMECOMING 1978
"WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN"

Bright and early, eight o'clock **Friday, October 20,** members of the student council and volunteers together began to transform the RHS gym into a unique setting for the 1978 Homecoming assembly. The results . . . a garden tressel covered with roses, a bubbling fountain, lighted trees, and a castle-like atmosphere.

Tim Cooper, senior, greeted the spectators and introduced the couples as they walked across the carpet of leaves to enter the experience of Homecoming.

The student body waited expectantly while they listened to the traditional speeches by **Dr. Hoopingarner** and **Superintendant Bale.** Finally the moment came when Mr. Sinclair named (by popular vote) Miss Diane Whitman and Mr. Brian Graves as Queen and King. And so, the 1978 assembly drew to a close as the court retraced its steps past the fountain to the tune of "We've Only Just Begun."

1 — **Mr. Sinclair** congratulates the court after assembly.
2 — **Brett Bakita** and **Mary Weir** make their entrance.
3 — **King Graves** congratulates **Queen Diane Whitman.**
4 — King and Queen make their acceptance speeches.
5 — **Mr. Sinclair** crowns **Diane Whitman** as Queen.
6 — **Mr. Bale** took part in the festivities for the last time as superintendant. Seated left to right are: **Mr. Norman, Mr. Bale, Mr. Sinclair,** and **Mr. Hoopingarner.**

1978 Royalty
pages: Marcia Weir and Brett Bakita. Front Row: Marcia Konkle, Jenny Pitsch, Linda Roberts, Denise Farmer, Diane Whitman, Briane Graves, Tracy Richards, Jan Buhr, Laura Gross, Cindy Wooldridge. Back Row: Eric Burgoon, Mike Jacobs, Mike Kuhn, Mike Coleman, Tim Littleton, Mike Willet, Mike Mankel, and Joe Hart.

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THE ASSEMBLY

PREPARATIONS

The **1978 Homecoming Events** were very successful. However, few people realize how much preparation and hard work it takes before those special moments occur.

The **assembly,** complete with the traditional mirror ball, fountain, and walkover bridge, was put together with many long hours of brain power and muscle on the part of **Tracy Richards** and the **Interschool Commission.**

As for the **halftime and parade, Laura Gross** began organizing before school started, and her efforts along with the Field and **Ground Commissions'** made everything run smoothly.

Weeks before the **dance** there were dresses and suits to choose, corsages and boutineers to order, cars to wash, and the effort of getting a date! But **Julie Janicki** and the **Social Commission** had more than that on their minds. They were in charge of decorations for the gym and the results were enchanting.

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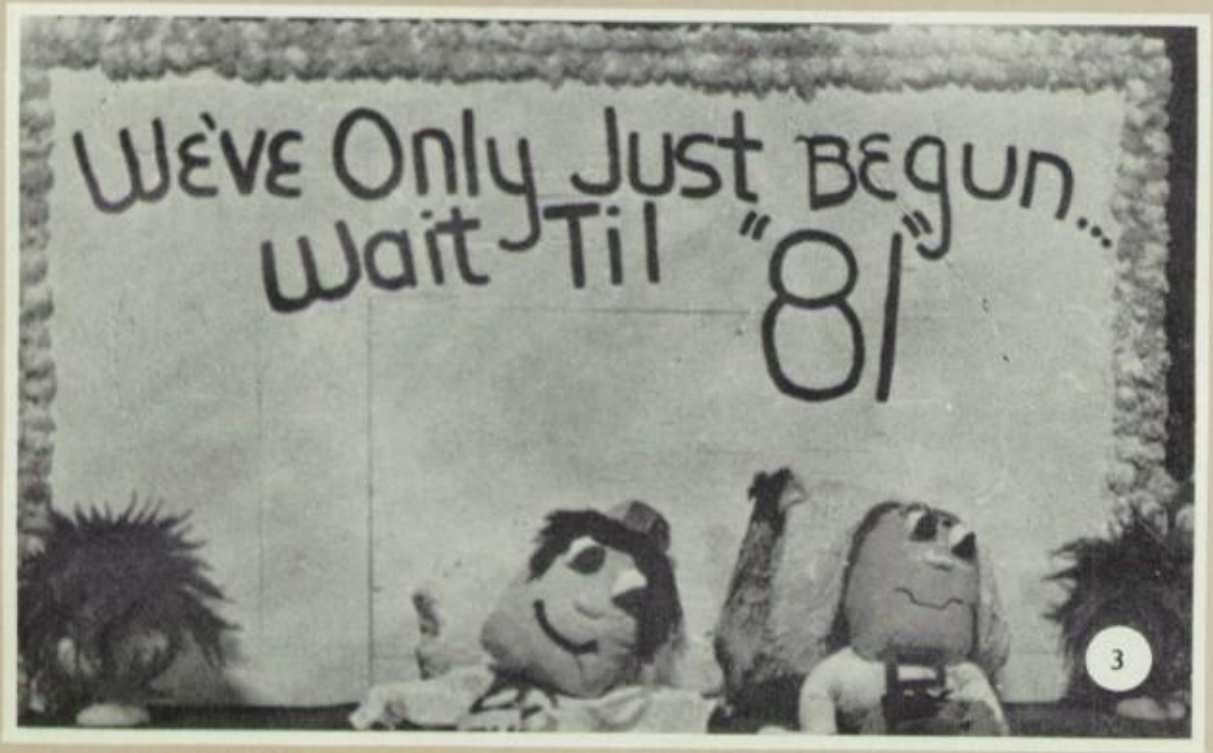
1 — **Mr. Gordon Norman** was the advisor for the Homecoming activities.
2 — **Julie Janicki** was in charge of the dance.
3 — **Linda Roberts** works on props for the assembly.
4 — **Laura Gross** was in charge of the halftime and parade.
5 — **Tracy Richards** and **Tim Littleton** go through their steps during an early morning rehearsal for the assembly.
6 — **Tracy Richards** was in charge of the Homecoming Assembly.



This year's **Homecoming Parade** began at 3 p.m. at the high school and went throughout the Rockford business district.

1 — The **Senior** float, first place.
2 — The **Junior** float, honorable mention.
3 — The **Sophomore** float, second place.
4 — The **Freshmen** float, (didn't place.)

THE PARADE

HOMECOMING GAME

1 — Excited Ram fans **Amber Tetzlaff** and **Brenda Weston** cheer on the team.
2 — **Rick Peterson** makes a terrific catch.
3 — Early in the game the **Rams** scored a touchdown that put us in the lead for most of the game against **Jenison.**
4 — Drum majors lead the band in an exciting **half-time,** which features the introduction of the ladies on the **court.**
5 — The **varsity players** showed spirit and enthusiasm early in the game, when victory seemed in view. Unfortunatly, by the end of the **4th quarter** the score: **Home: 21 Visitors: 26.**

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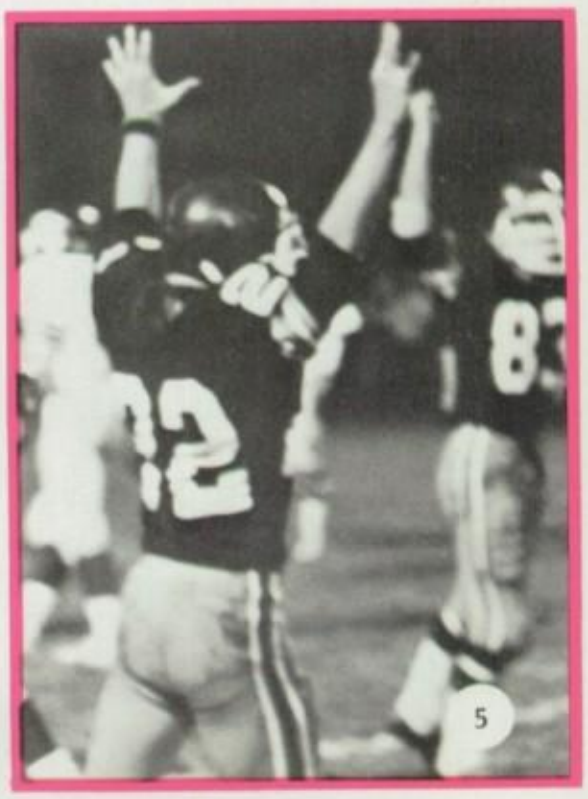
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It was a cold, clear night, **October 16, 1978** when the **Senior Powderpuffers** slipped by the **Juniors, 8 to 6.**

The Juniors practiced everday and weekends to get in shape, with the help of their coaches, **Scott Gaul** and **Greg Robinson.** The Seniors endured grueling practices Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays to drill their team for the competition. The senior coaches were **Tim Littleton** and **Rick Ehinger.**

As usual our beautiful **Junior** and **Senior male cheerleaders** showed up in comical paraphernalia.

POWDERPUFF

"MY FAIR LADY

KEEPS THE AUDIENCE LAUGHING AND CRYING

The house lights dimmed and the capacity crowd hushed as the sounds of the overture began. The curtains parted and the enchanting musical **"My Fair Lady"** showed the community what the **Rockford Music Department** could do.

Before the performance nights on **November 16, 17, and 18,** nine weeks of preparation had gone into it by the **48 member** cast. Director **Steve Landane** had help from **Mrs. Sakalauskas** who did costumes, **Kim Budde,** choreographer, **Ann DeWitt,** student director, **Mrs. Nancy Meeker** and **Mrs. Jan Landane** who helped with the intricate sets he designed. A **34 piece** orchestra with pianist **Karen Postema** under the direction of **Mr. David Bass** accompanied the colorful songs and dances.

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1 — Director **Steve Landane.**
2 — **Shelly Herremans** portrayed Eliza Doolittle.
3 — **Rich Hanson** as professor Higgins and **Shelly Herremans** as Eliza Doolittle.
4 — Servant girls **Gwen Marsman and Kathy Faber.**
5 — The Cockney Chorus of "My Fair Lady"
6 — Ballroom guests.
7 — Professor Higgins **(Rich Hanson),** Colonel Pickering **(Dave Degler),** and **(Jan Vroegindewey)** as Professor Higgins' mother.
8 — Eliza Doolittle **(Shelly Herremans)**

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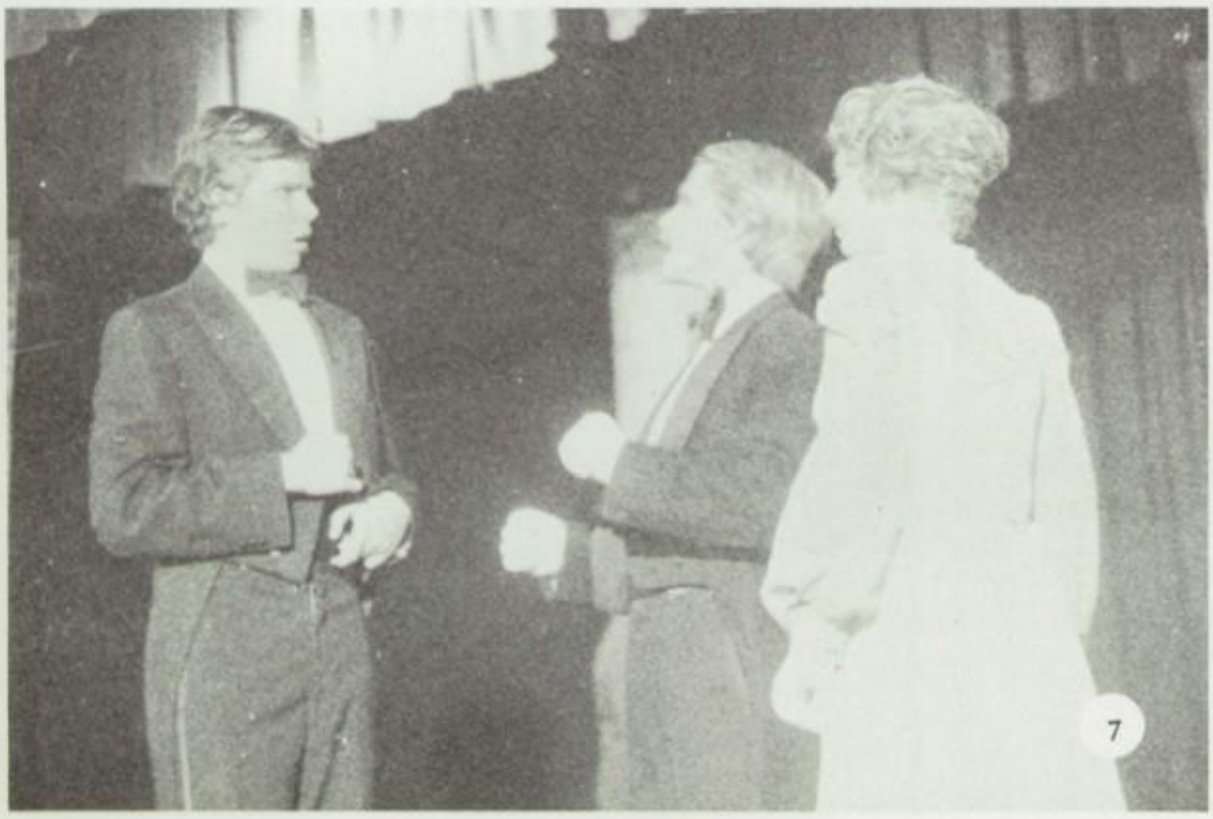

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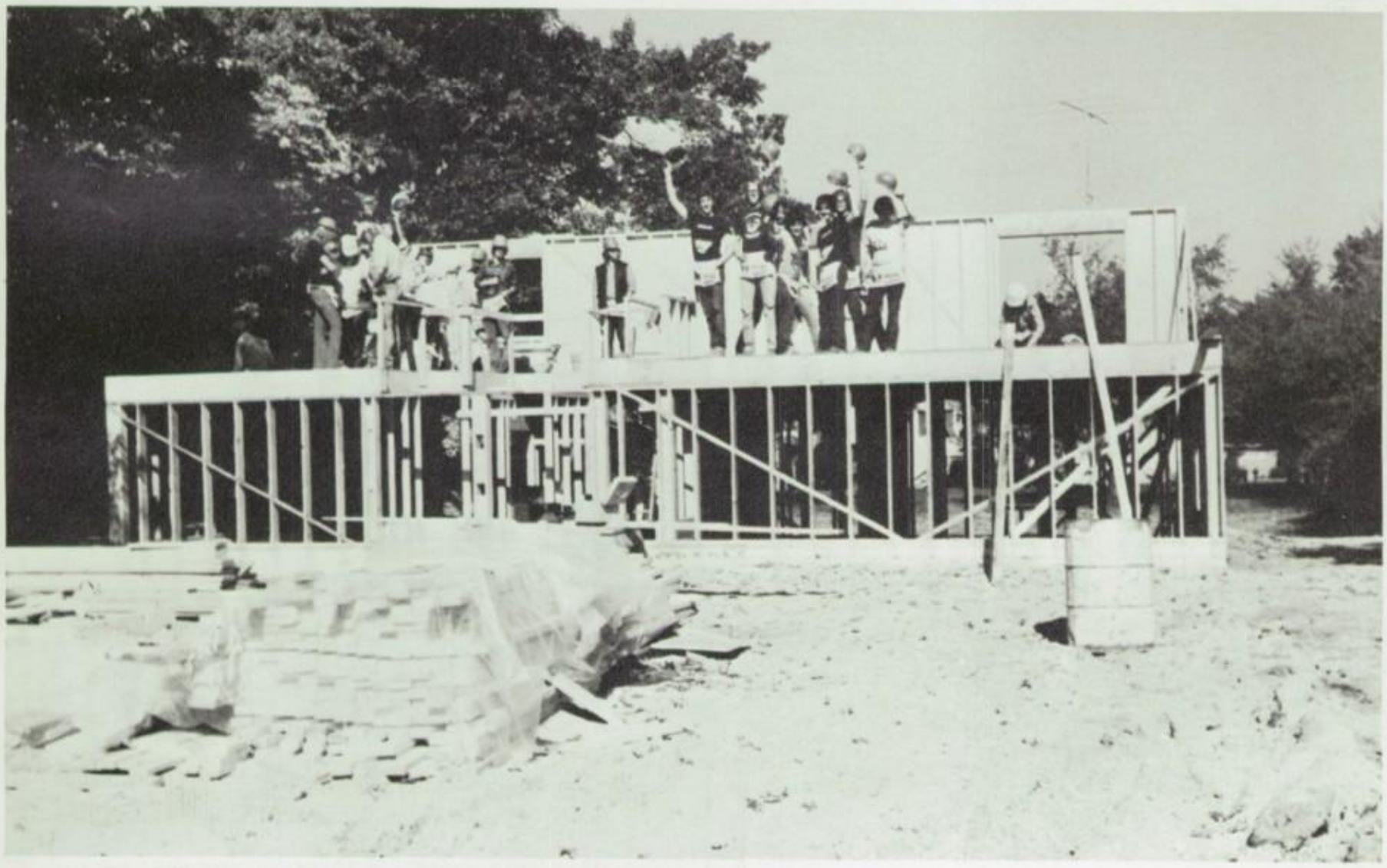
Gary Coleman, Brad Duel, Doug Bartholomew and Dan Ursul display their highly developed skills in Algebra II.

Counselor Katie Maslowski enjoys homemade pies sold by the home economics class as a fund raising project.

Sue Ottenwess and Curt Newland prepare to cut trees for the annual FFA firewood sale.

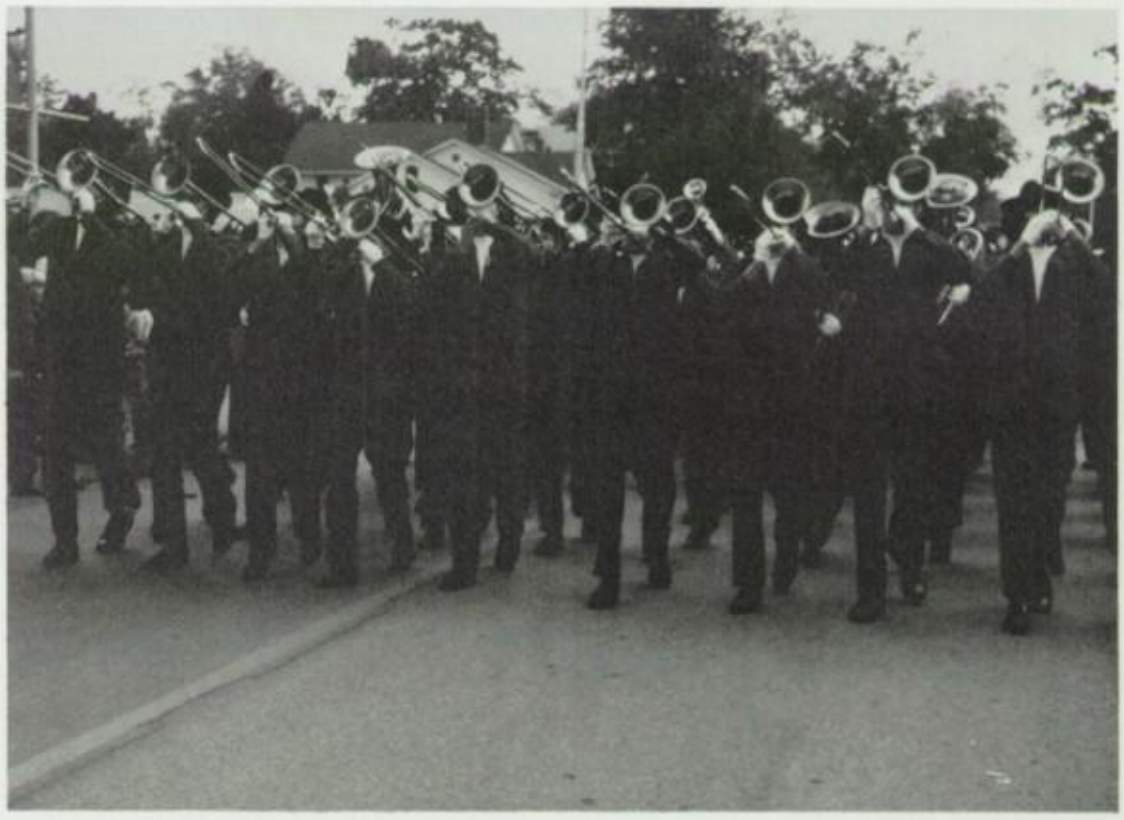
The French Club is shown here touring Amway after participating in a simultanious translation seminar.

Members of the Rams Tale staff, Melody Waldron and Terri Gulliver, "Catch 'em while they can!"

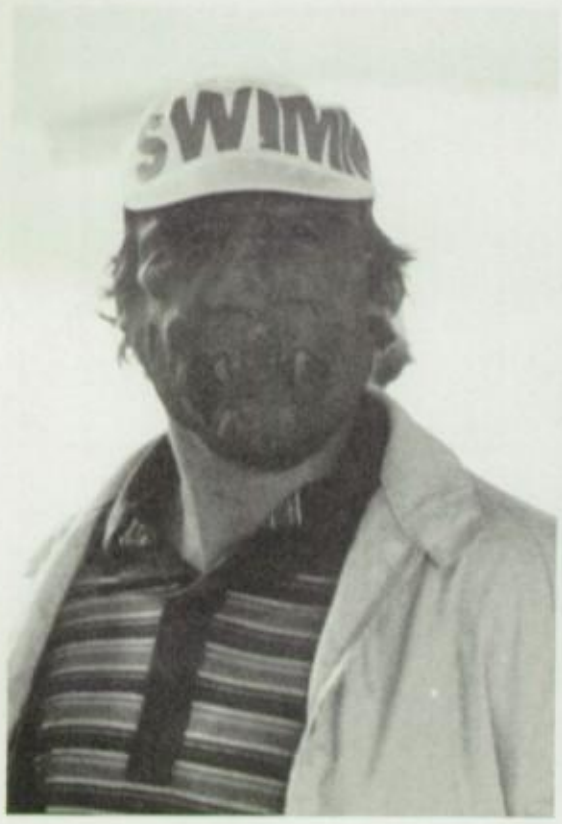


The building trades class waves proudly from atop their project located in the Rockford Village.

A scene almost everyone can remember: your first day of drivers education! Here Lucy Vandermey runs through the routine safety check before hitting the road, "Look out world!"

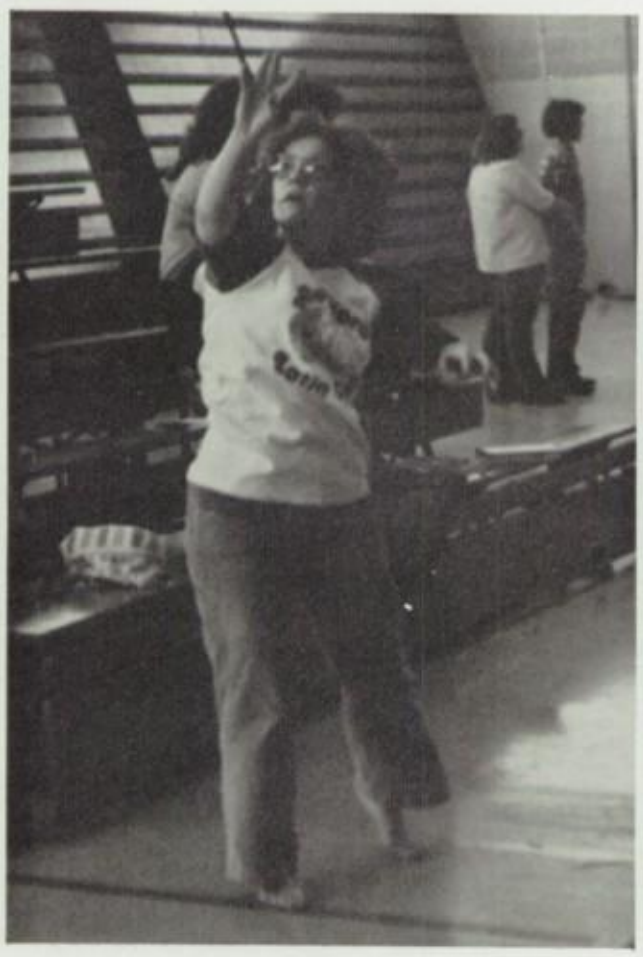


Introducing the Rockford Senior High marching band, under the field direction of our own Dave Degler. The marching Band is shown here performing in the Cedar Springs Red Fannel Day competition where thev captured first place!



The Halloween spirit had some strange effects on a few RHS students. Pictured here, our own Halloween King and Queen, Jeff Bartholomew and Kay Frodl.

Talented skateboarders teach safety first as they perform before the RHS student body. Here a few brave students literally "lay their lives on the line" as the skaters jump them in a daring stunt. Casualties totalled zero.



It's up, up, and away as Mrs. Kasul and many other faculty members attempt to shoot free-throws in the first annual "Shoot-a-thon" sponsored by the girls' basketball teams. High scoring teacher was Mr. Smith with 209 baskets in fifteen minutes.

Cheers Win Third Place At Adrian

The varsity cheerleaders cheered their way to a third place medal at the Adrian Cheerleading Summer Camp this year.

The squad, with Captain Janice Buhr, kept themselves limber by going over their large collection of mounts and cheers every afternoon except on game days.

The eight girls, coached by Mrs. Carol Baker and Miss Karen Hughes, helped to keep school spirit alive and well by painting banners for the basketball games, making locker tags for team members and selling Ram bumper stickers and pom-poms. They also put on some peppy assemblies.

1 — VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: **Top:** Linda Roberts **Middle:** Denise Farmer, Jenny Pitsch. **Bottom:** Lisa LaLonde, Julie Micho, Marcia Konkle, Sandy Posthuma, Janice Buhr.
2 — Linda Roberts, Denise Farmer, and Julie Micho present a skit to get the Ram fans sparked up for Harper Creek Game.
3 — Janice Buhr, Captain
4 — The Countdown
5 — Beauty and the Beast
6 — Rams "Go For It"
7 — Lisa LaLonde celebrates a touchdown

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Trophy Won

The JV cheerleaders won three ribbons and a second place trophy at Western Michigan University Cheerleading camp.

The JV squad participated in Ram sticker and pom pom campaigns. Coaching the squads were Mrs. Carol Baker and Miss Karen Hughes.

1 — Carol Baker, coach.
2 — Karen Hughes, coach.
3 — Braving the cold, the JV cheerleaders spark enthusiasm in the home crowd.
4 — JV CHEERLEADERS: **Bottom Row:** Karen Harvey, Chris Mallory, Amy Lanesky. **Middle Row:** Laura Roberts, Karen Hill, Joni Park. **Front:** Chris Richards, Judy Lindhout, Lisa Gebauer.

Frosh Rank High

The frosh cheerleaders traveled to Ferris College for their summer camp and returned with 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. The frosh squad cheered on the freshman football and basketball teams, under the coaching of Miss Karen Hughes and Mrs. Carol Baker.

1 — The frosh cheerleaders put the magic touch on the football.
2 — Frosh squad leads the crowd in a cheer for the Rams.
3 — Top Row: Kim Bastian, Kelly Seidlecki, **Middle Row:** Sharilynn Finnegan, Tammy Thompson.

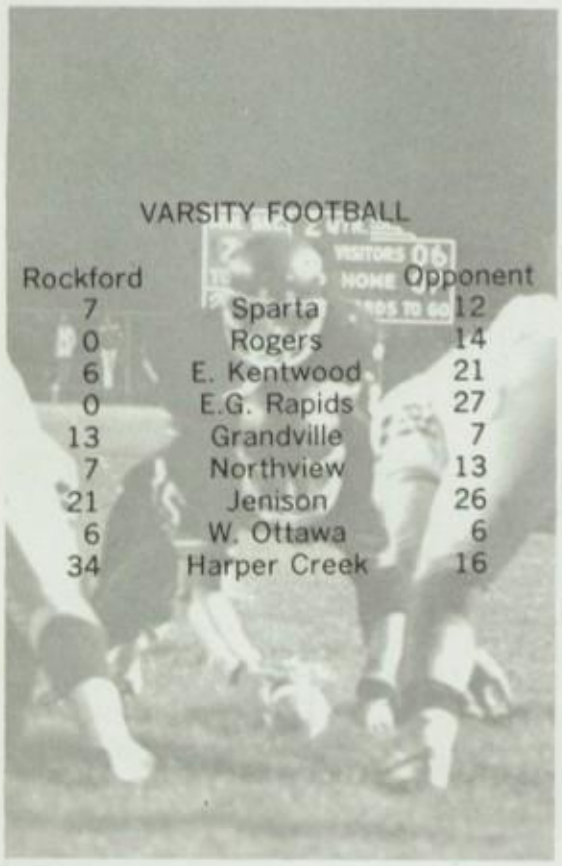
Rams Win 2

The varsity football team erupted in the second half of the season, accumulating a 2-2-1 record during the last five games and 2-6-1 overall.

Led by John Srholec, the team came on strong after dropping its first four games, winning for the first time against Grandville. During the last five games, the Rams averaged 17 points per game.

Three juniors were named to the Grand Rapids Press All-Area team; Eric Tremlin, Scott Weston, and Joe Karasiewicz. Joe was also named to the O.K. Red all-conference team.

VARSITY FOOTBALL: 1 — Jim Champion kicks an extra point with Joe Deering holding.
2 — Coach Srholec watches the snap to Scott Smith.
3 — Coach Osburn is shown discussing the last play with Mark Henshaw.
4 — Mike McGraw completes a 5-yard pass against Rogers.
5 — Dan Rudman averaged 48 yards per kick, with this one going into the end zone.
6 — The Ram defense stops a Rogers player at the line.
7 — Front Row: Bob Krestakos, Jim Bivins, Neil Streeter, Mike Kuhn, Steve McKellar, Eric Tremlin, Mark Henshaw, Joe Deering. **2nd Row:** Joe Karasiewcz, Matt Weldon, Bill Fegal, Scott Modzelewski, Eric Stacy, Lee Fisher, Scott Weston, Russ Cox, **3rd Row:** Jim Champion, Rick Peterson, Kent Scott, Dan Rudman, Mark Leblanc, Mike McGraw, Tim Babcock, Tim Littleton, **4th Row:** Mark Jones, Scott Smith, Doug Cole, Mike Sinclair, Mike Mankel, Mike White, Scott Varnagatas, Scott Schuitman. **5th Row:** Mike Whitman, Doug Swider, Ron Varnagatas, Joe Hart, John Srholec, Pete Olson.
8 — Joe Karasiewicz averaged almost-4 yards per carry.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Rockford		Opponent
7	Sparta	12
0	Rogers	14
6	E. Kentwood	21
0	E.G. Rapids	27
13	Grandville	7
7	Northview	13
21	Jenison	26
6	W. Ottawa	6
34	Harper Creek	16

JV FOOTBALL: **Back Row:** Vic Wolven, Gary Smith, Brian Sherman, Tim Stein, Mike Bivins, Brad Baker, Barry Cole, Jon Overhiser, Don Curry. **Middle Row:** Rick Wagen, Jeff Ullrey, Craig Carlson, Ken Axdorf, Kim Slater, Pete Waters, Chris Hoekstra, Greg Wingerter, John Gross. **Front Row:** Mike Thomas, John Spaulding, Bill Jones, Tim Fegal, Lee Wright, Tim Streeter, Dan DeVries, Ron Thomas, Keary Bakita, Steve DeGood.

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL: **Front Row:** Dave Ingraham, Howard Baughman, Richie Benham, Aaron Estep, Jeff Streeter, Toby Woolen, Jeff Maksymowski, Phil Frisbee, Fred Baker. **Second Row:** Jeff Commee, Bob Marr, Bart LaLonde, Jeff Davies, Matt Sallee, Jeff Travis, Jerry Green, Todd Anderson, Dave Anderson, Tim Cowen, Gary Fisher. **Third Row:** Coach Terry Konkle, Coach Pat Cwayna, Dirk Roberts, Jeff Sawinski, Tim Befus, Steve Bradley, Todd Tinker, Rob Lucas, Jeff Shier, John Powers, Jim Mankle. **Back Row:** Greg Gryka, Richie Armstrong, Kurt Ehinger, Alan Pierson.

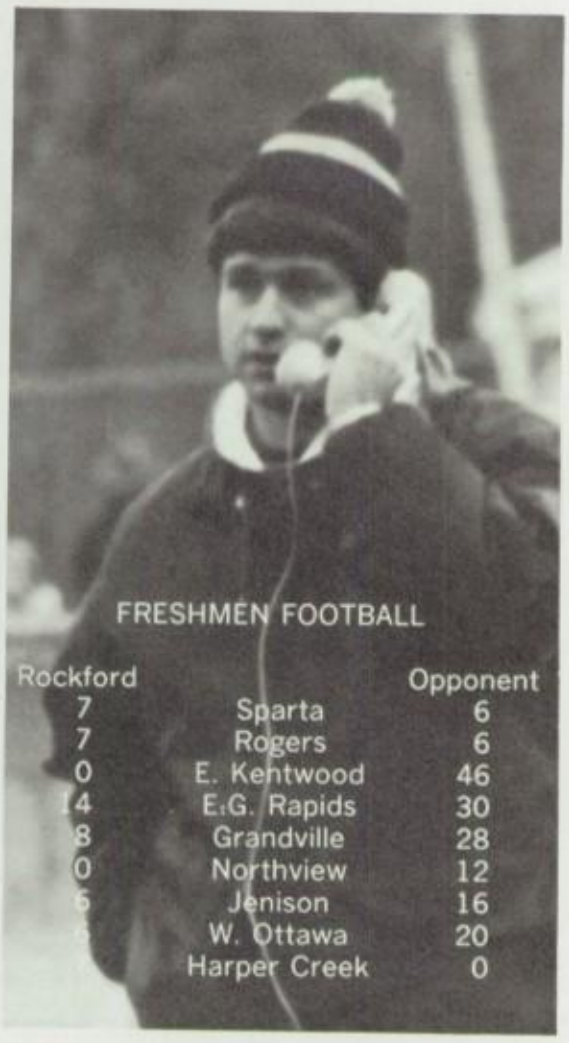
J.V. FOOTBALL

Rockford		Opponent
27	Sparta	0
13	Rogers	6
7	E. Kentwood	8
21	E.G. Rapids	0
20	Grandville	6
16	Northview	7
14	Jenison	28
27	W. Ottawa	6
27	Harper Creek	0

JV Wins 7!

This years JV football team finished second in the league after losing to East Kentwood and Jenison, ending up the season with an impresive record of 7-2. Coaches were Vic Wolven and Don Curry.

2 — Coach Vic Wolven supervises his JV team



FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

Rockford		Opponent
7	Sparta	6
7	Rogers	6
0	E. Kentwood	46
14	E.G. Rapids	30
8	Grandville	28
0	Northview	12
6	Jenison	16
[illegible]	W. Ottawa	20
[illegible]	Harper Creek	0

Freshmen Have 1-6 Season

The freshmen football team ended the '78 season with a one win, six loss record which placed them 7th in the conference.

Cwayna said, "What pleased us the most about this season is that every player was able to participate in every game."

Leading scorers were: Eric Conrad, Jerry Green, Matt Sallee, Richie Bruse, Rich Benham, and Todd Tinker.

1 — Coach Terry Konkle

Varsity Places 4th In OK Red

Capturing the second place trophy in the Central Montcalm Tournament and finishing in 4th place in the OK Red Conference division, highlighted the '78 season for the varsity girls basketball team. The squad finished their season with a conference record of 8 wins and 6 losses and 11-9 overall.

High scorer, Junior Lori Ketchum, was chosen as an all conference player. Senior Cheri Brunsink and Sophomore Brenda Weston broke records with 207 and 209 rebounds respectively. The team is coached by Mike Holton.

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1 — VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL. **Top Row:** Rose Steimel, Terri Fowle, coach Mike Holton, Kristi Eggleston, Blythe Markel, **Bottom Row:** Brenda Weston, Diane Kurant, Lori Ketchum, Sandy Preston, Pat Bradley, Cheryl Shadowens, **Not Pictured:** Cheri Brunsink.
2 — Diane Kurant, most valuable player, sets up the offense.
3 — Brenda Weston, best defensive player, has no trouble scoring against her opponents.
4 — Sandy Preston, most improved player, faces some tough defense.
5 — Terri Fowle, co-captain, makes a jump shot for two points.
6 — Cheri Brunsink, co-captain, goes for it!
7 — High scorer Lori Ketchum never let a little old hand get in her way!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
36	Belding	25
36	Central Montcalm	44
26	Creston	58
38	Kenowa Hills	42
45	Rogers	43
29	Kentwood	55
52	Ottawa Hills	43
42	E.G.R.	34
34	Grandville	33
32	Northview	16
57	Ionia	42
43	Jenison	46
	West Ottawa	
50	Rogers	40
41	Kentwood	43
41	E.G.R.	40
37	Grandville	36
46	Northview	24
22	Jenison	38
26	West Ottawa	48

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GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
19	Lakewood	21
17	West Middle	20
19	South Middle	40
14	Riverside	35
12	Northeast	24
27	Grand Haven	34
31	Lakewood	21

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GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
12	Creston	31
27	Kenowa Hills	25
29	Rogers	31
14	E. Kentwood	23
31	Ottawa Hills	32
14	EGR	18
21	Grandville	20
14	Northview	19
32	Ionia	38
24	Jenison	33
15	W. Ottawa	44
24	Rogers	37
25	E. Kentwood	40
27	EGR	11
37	Grandville	26

JV Girls Win 4

The JV girls basketball team ended the season with a four win-fourteen loss record this year. Ms. Jane Shoemaker was the team's coach.

1 — JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: **Back row:** Sandy Newland, Kim Nies, Coach Jane Shoemaker, Jackie Mueller, Katie Roberts. **Front Row:** Stephanie Marr, Lisa Wolbrink, Judy Takens, Dorie Rosely, Sheri Thompson.
2 — Lisa Wolbrink, passing the ball to Stephanie Marr, team captain.
3 — Jackie Mueller guards her East Kentwood opponent.

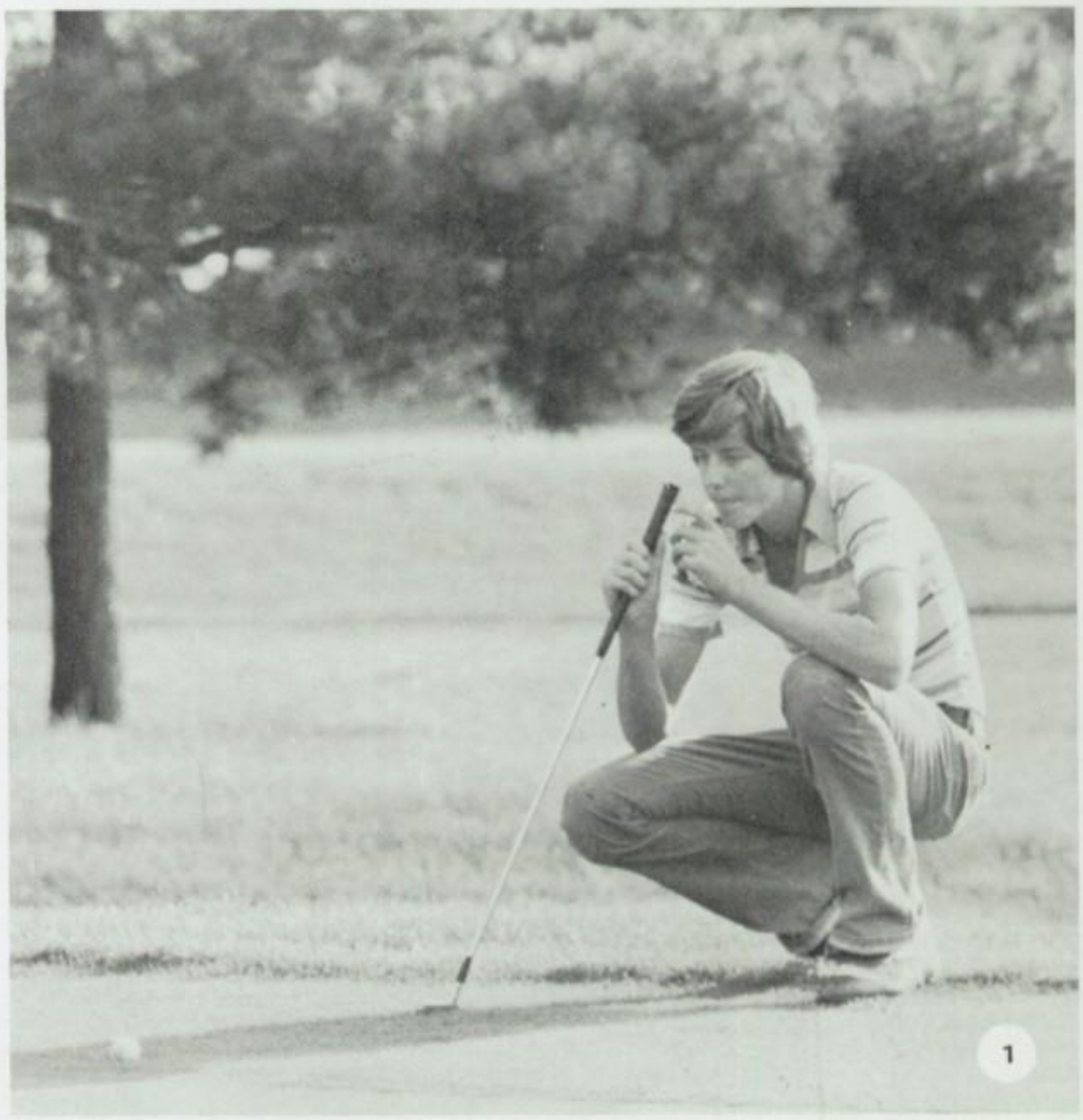
Frosh Girls First Year

This is the first year RHS has had a girls freshman basketball team. The girls were coached by Ms. Phyllis King. The team ended the season with a one win-six loss record.

1 — GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: **Back Row:** Tracy Morris, Beth Stacey, Licia Trierweiler, Coach Phyllis King, Beth Dettmer, Jenny Palenzy, Stacey Bredow. **Front Row:** Liz Gem, Terri Mueser, Mari Zenk, Carrie Mueser, Jill Leggett, Kathy Elenbaas.
2 — Mari Zenk helps keep the ball in good hands.

Golfers Go 14-4-1; Finish 2nd

The golf team was very successful this year under the direction of coach Bob Christiansen. Wrapping up the year with an overall record of 14-4-1, the team placed 2nd in the OK Red Conference. A new team record of 294, and an individual record of 69 were set this year by Todd Anderson. The most valuable player was shared between Randy Cole and Todd Anderson. The most improved award went to Marty Balk.



1 — Mike Coleman concentrates on a long putt from the edge of the green.
2 — Todd Anderson broke a former record with a 69 for 18 holes in this match.
3 — Bob Christiansen led the team to a 14-4-1 record.
4 — Mike McIntyre had one of the lowest averages on the team with a 80.2.
5 — Todd Anderson and Randy Cole were named most valuable players.
6 — Marty Balk was named the most improved player.
7 — Randy Cole was chosen an all conference player.
8 — BOYS GOLF: **Back Row:** Mike Coleman, Jim Mull, George Bera, Bill Wynn, Randy Cole, Scott Gaul, Rick Baker. **Front Row:** Larry Twyman, Todd Anderson, Mike McIntyre, Marty Balk.

BOY'S GOLF

Rockford Tie		Opponent Tie
5	Grand Haven	0
5	West Ottawa	0
4¼	Northview Forest Hills Cent.	½
3	Kentwood	2
5	Rogers	0
5	Northview	0
5	West Ottawa	0
1	E.G.R.	4
1½	Jension	3½
4	Grandville	1
3½	Godwin	1½
5	Unity Chr.	0
0	E.G.R.	5
0	Kentwood	5
3	Rogers	2
4	Grandville	1
4½	Jension Forest Hills	½
4	Northern	1

Netters Finish 4th

The 1978 Girls Tennis team ended their season with an overall record of 7 and 5, a fourth place finish in the O.K. Red Division, and placed tenth in regionals.

First singles player, freshman Katie Mawby, ended her season with a record of 6 and 5, and was appointed to the O.K. Red All-Conference team.

The best record for doubles teams belongs to team captain Tracy Richards and Barb Davies. They earned second place in the O.K. Red League's doubles bracket, second at the Sparta Doubles tournament, and held a final record of 6-1 at the conference meet.

The team was coached by Bonnie Lindke.

1 — Varsity player **Deb Trent** and **Coach Bonnie Lindke.**
2 — **Dixie Molinowski** playing during an all-day tournament at River View Racquet Club.
3 — **Anne Mawby,** after a match.
4 — **GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS, Back Row:** Jean Rothwell, Lori Coggeshall, Barb Davies, Tracy Richards, Dixie Molinowski, Kathy Hoffman, Katie Mawby, Coach Bonnie Lindke. **Front Row:** Jane Westveer, Anne Mawby, Pam Crapsey, Teresa Grant, Lynn Yakes, Pam Sheehan, Keiko Furuta, Deb Trent,
5 — **Barb Davies** playing at a tournament

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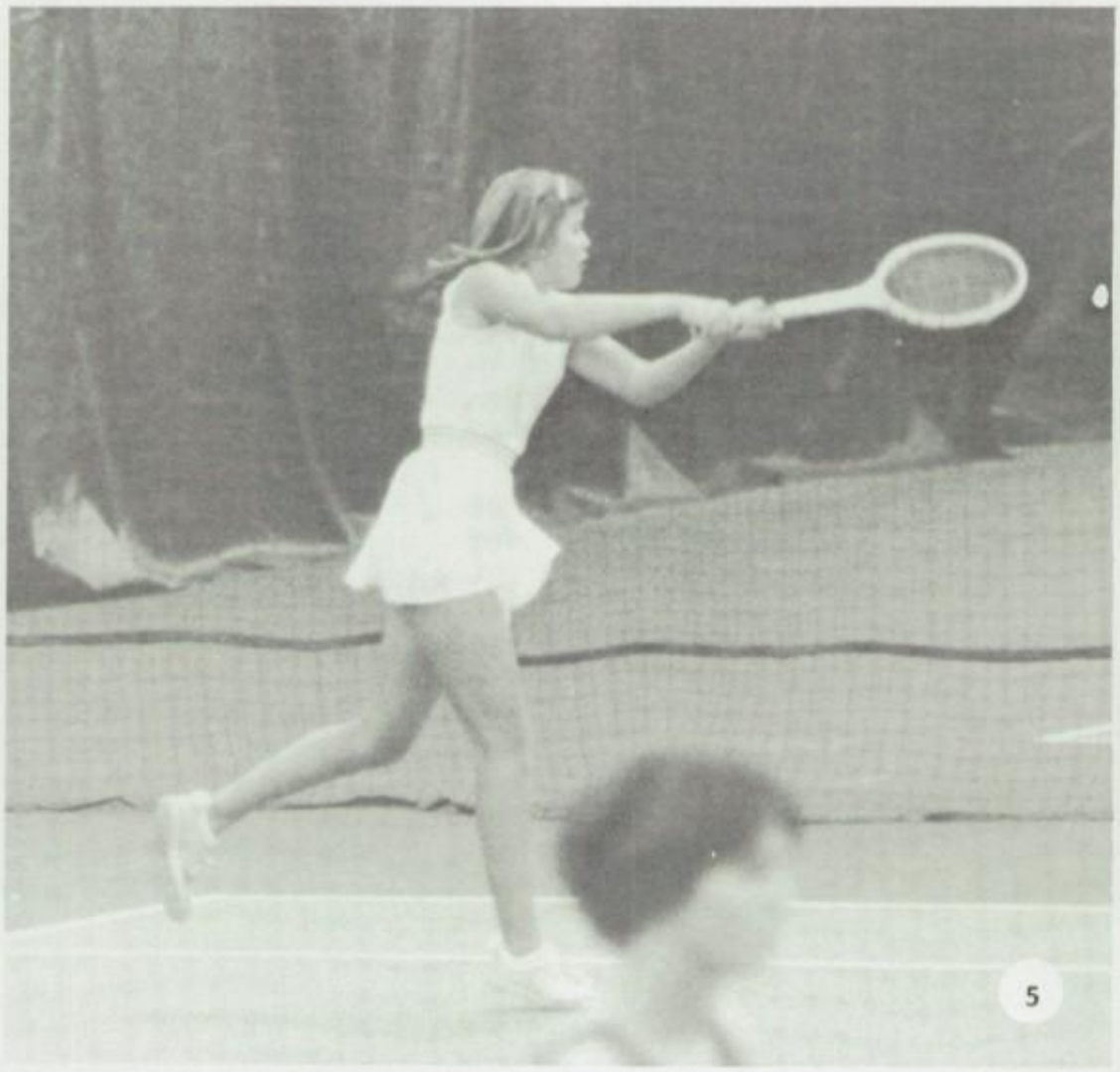
GIRLS TENNIS

Rockford		Opponent
6	Sparta	1
3	Union	4
3	Kentwood	4
6	Rogers	1
1	E.G.R.	6
3	Grandville	4
5	Northview	2
6	Greenville	1
6	Jenison	1
3	W. Ottawa	4
7	Ionia	0
6	Grand Haven	1



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Harriers Place 2nd

The harriers completed their 1978 season with an impressive 6 win, 1 loss record, losing only to East Kentwood. They placed 2nd in the OK Red Conference league, and they received a 1st place trophy at the Olivet Invitational.

Bryan Nevins, who was voted most valuable player, placed 6th in conference and 13th in state. Mike Jacobs was voted most improved runner.

Mr. Lawrence commented that the team did a really good job.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Rockford		Opponent
43	Rogers	20
1st	Olivet Inv.	
25	East Kentwood	30
5th	Fenville Inv.	
30	E.G.R.	28
5th	Lowell Inv.	
40	Grandville	20
42	Northview	19
36	Jenison	24
7th	Sturgis Inv.	
8th	Cedar Spring Inv.	
32	West Ottawa	27
4th	Niles Inv.	

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1 — The Ram harriers find strength in numbers.
2 — Mike Jacobs strides to the finish line passing his opponent with Bruce Osborn trailing behind.
3 — While the coach is away, the Rams will play.
4 — John Jackson and Mike Jacobs outrun an East opponent.
5 — Bryan Nevins and Glenn Gelderbloom run to the finish at Johnson Park.
6 — Bill Osborn gives it all he's got.
7 — **Front row,** Bill Osborn, Tim Lamos, Chris Gelderbloom, Dave Karasiewicz, Jeff Weyerman, Steve VanDyke, Bruce Osborn, John Jackson, Karen Mitchell. **Middle row,** Kirk Phillips, Mike Forrest, Dave Insley, Kevin Jones, Dan Ursal, Brian Dolph, Jeff Hendricks, Glenn Gelderbloom, Coach Lawrence. **Back row,** Brian Graves, Brent Nevins, Jim Harrington, Craig Milewski, John Pierce, Eric Jordan, Ron Breimeyer, Mike Jacobs, Bryan Nevins, Tim Fiebig, Mark Brown.

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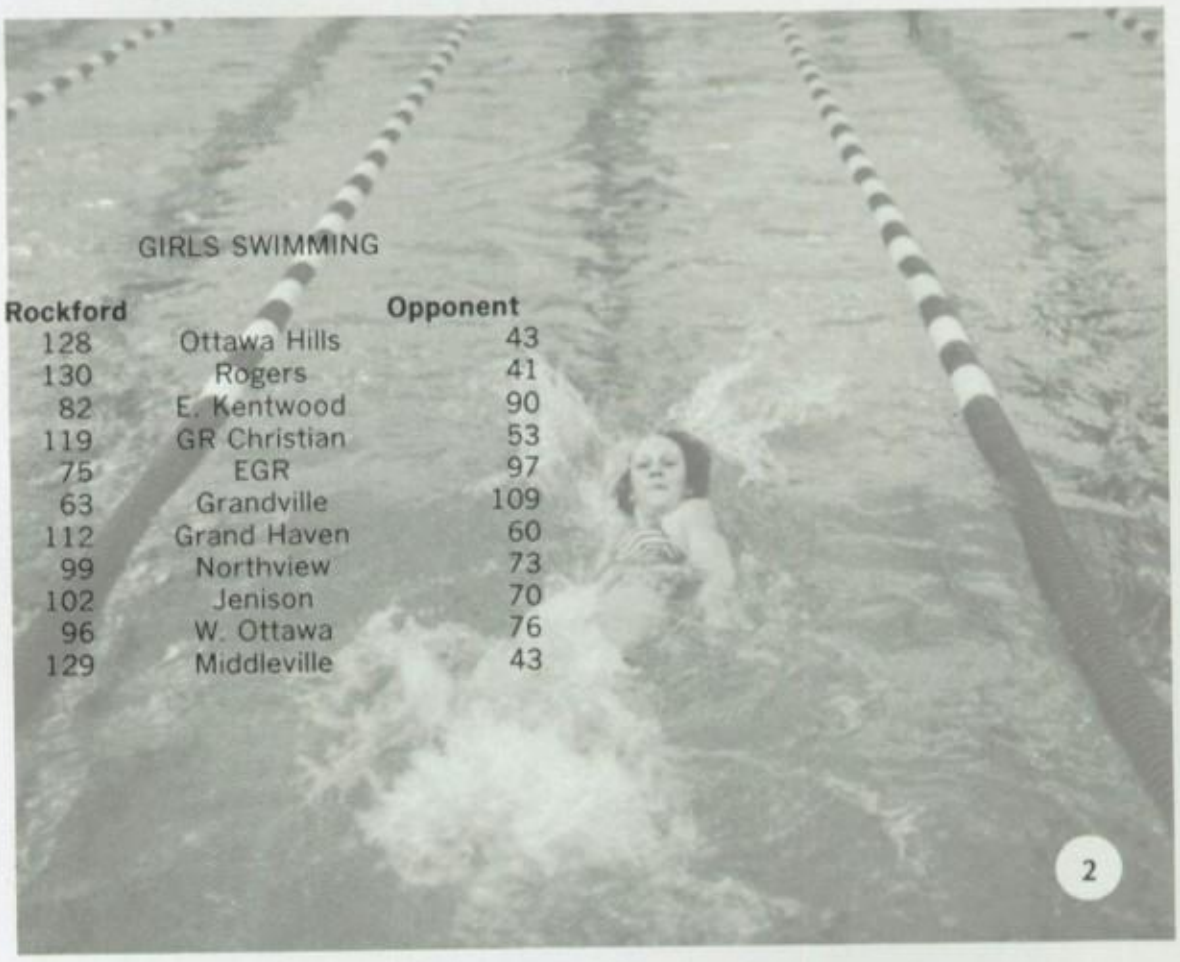
Swimmers Win 8; Clymer Sets Record

The girls swim team won eight of their eleven meets and placed fifth in conference finals.

Top swimmer was Carolyn Clymer, senior, who went to state finals placing ninth in fifty-yard freestyle.

1 — Carolyn Clymer proudly displays her first place medal for 100-yard freestyle.
2 — Deb Cook backstrokes her way to third place.
3 — GIRLS SWIMMING, **Back Row:** assistant Coach Kathy Vidal, Denee Wilson, Lori Boyer, Jenny Wingerter, Cindy Laage, Lisa Burgoon, Sharon Vasilneck, Jackie Quist. **Middle Row:** Coach Betty Verduin, Brenda Maine, Dawn Grant, Diane Pedley, Shelly Anderson. **Front Row:** Becky Cowen, Micky Kaiser, Julie Prysby, Lora Burgoon, Lisa Douglas, Carolyn Clymer, Ann Stacey.
4 — Diane Pedley encourages a teammate in the 500-yard freestyle.
5 — Lora Burgoon races to the finish.



GIRLS SWIMMING

Rockford		Opponent
128	Ottawa Hills	43
130	Rogers	41
82	E. Kentwood	90
119	GR Christian	53
75	EGR	97
63	Grandville	109
112	Grand Haven	60
99	Northview	73
102	Jenison	70
96	W. Ottawa	76
129	Middleville	43

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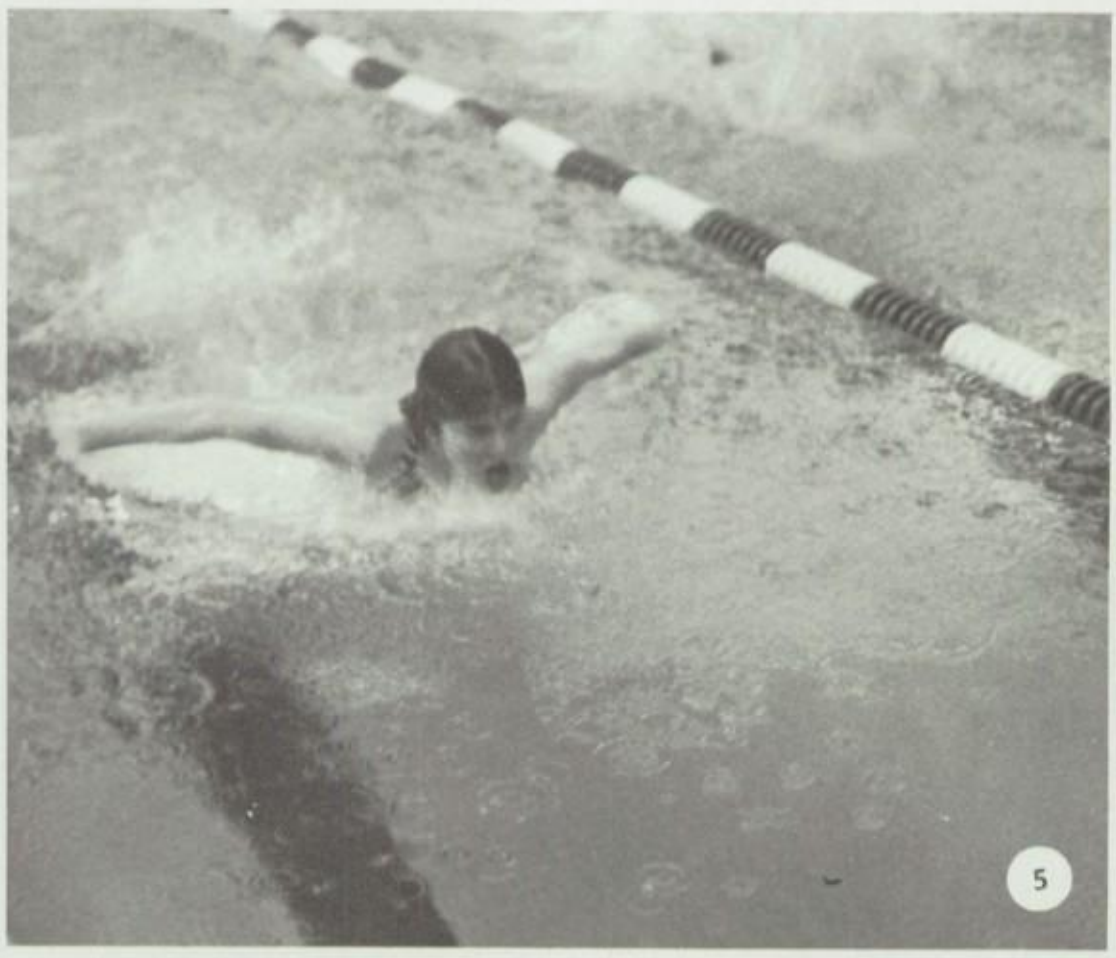

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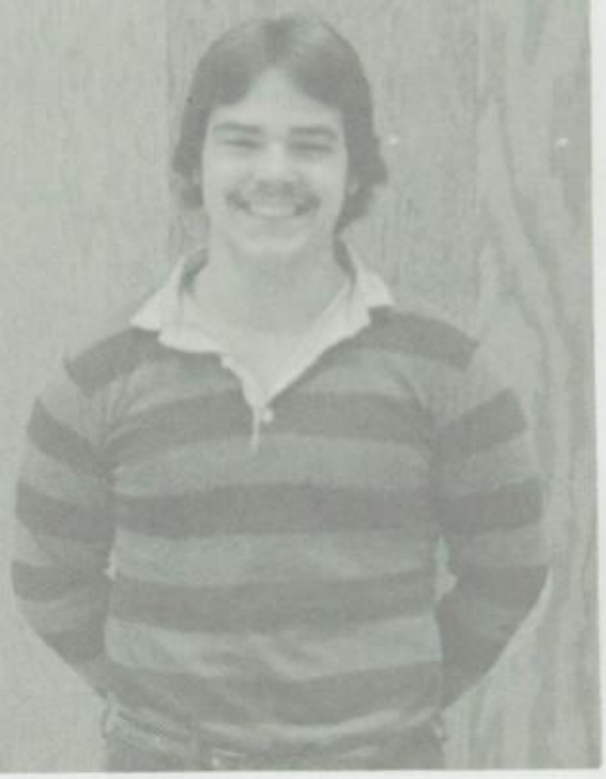
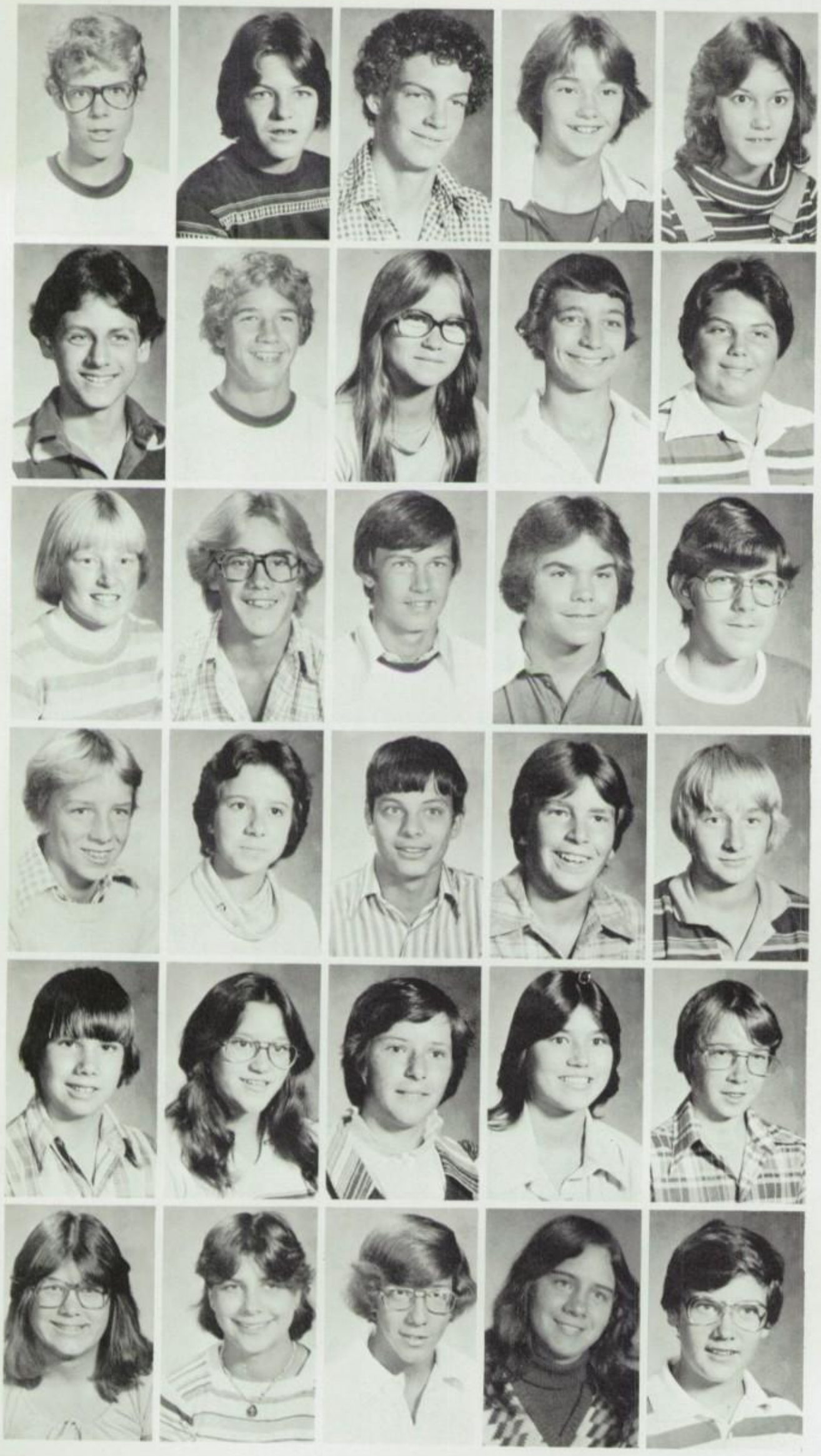
The freshmen class was a good one. We stuck together in good and bad; like our float and our snowed-out dance. But looking back on all the fun we had, our freshmen class was just to show everybody what we aren't going to do next year!





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Brian Berry, Chuck Besemer, Jack Beset, Troy Bing, Ken Blakeslee, Dawn Boese, Lisa Boggs, Andy Bolt, JoAnn Boon, Bruce Border, Mike Botruff, Jack Boukma

Sandra Bowman, Laurie Brace, Steve Bradley, Stacey Bredow, Charlene Brehl, Daniel Bremmer, Renee Brodowski, Ron Brown, Candy Brown, Diane Brown, Sandy Brown, Tim Brown

Cheryl Brumit, Ed Brunett, Chuck Burkholder, Chris Burnett, Lynne Burnett, Laurie Burton, Mike Bylsma, Wendy Cairns, Cameo Carey, Richard Carlson, Venus Carney, Tim Case

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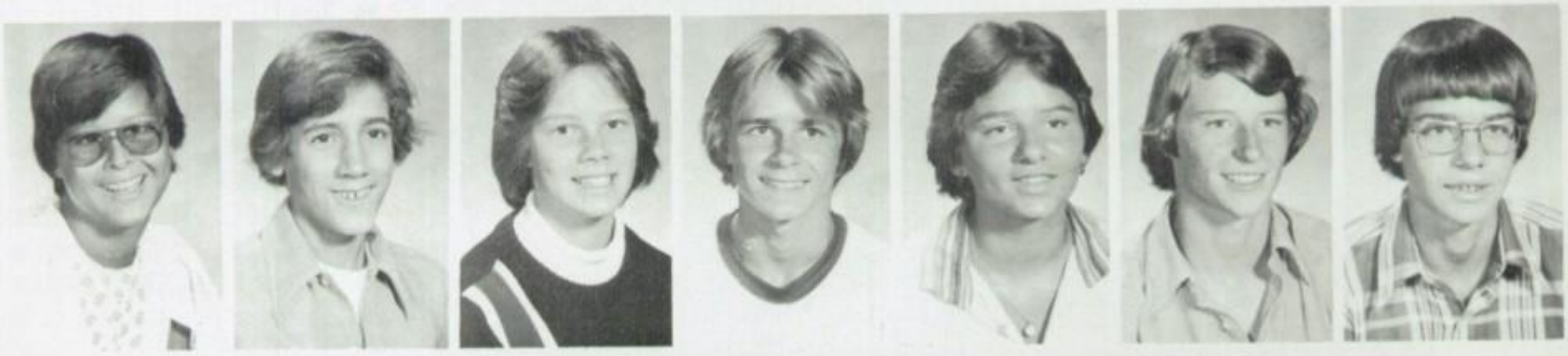

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Student Council Representatives; clockwise from top: Stevie Jan[illegible]ki, T[illegible]ris ker, JayLynn Markee, Molly Johnson, Greg Felix. **Not Pictured:** Diana Brown, Liz Gem, Margie Silvers, Joy Sedlar.

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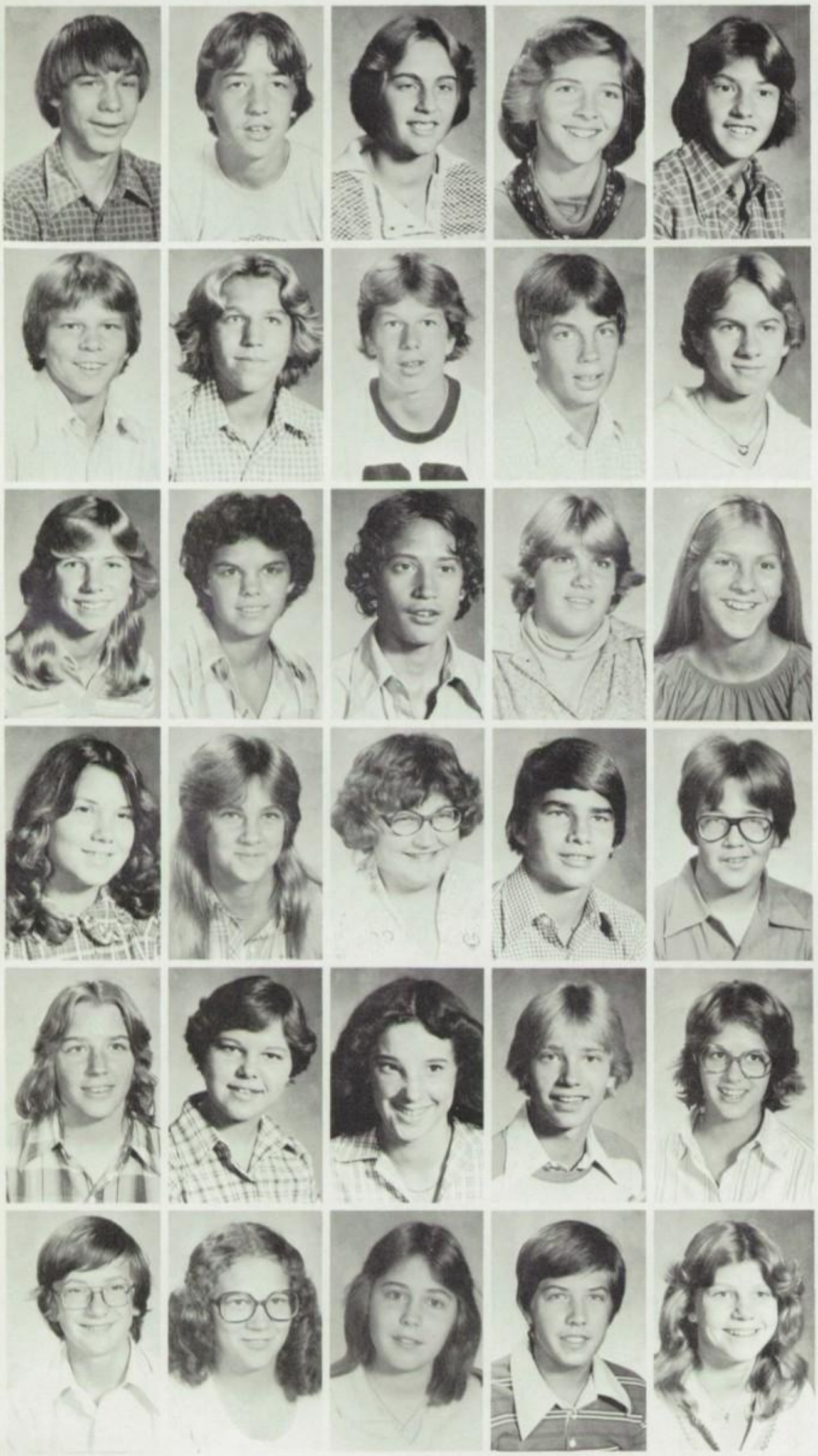

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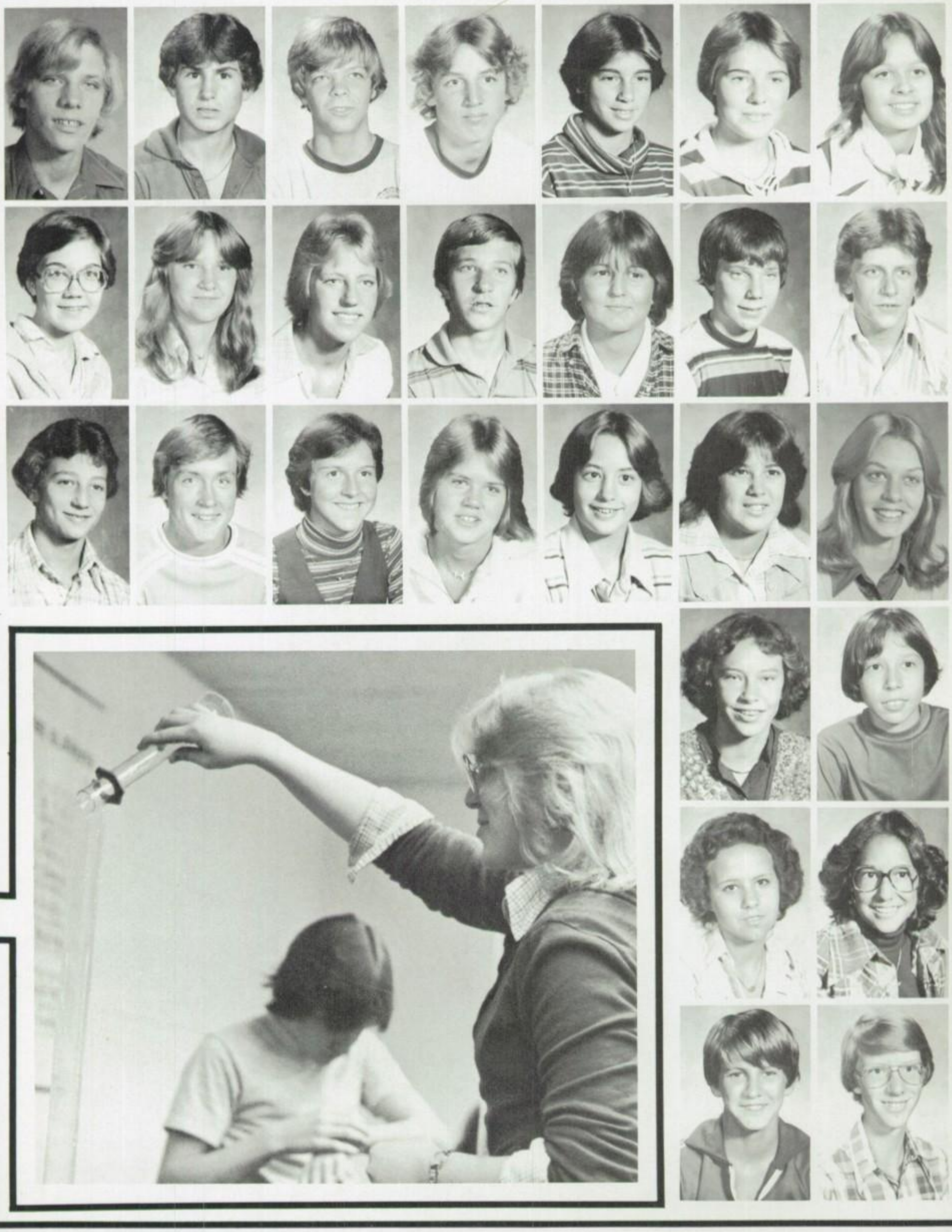

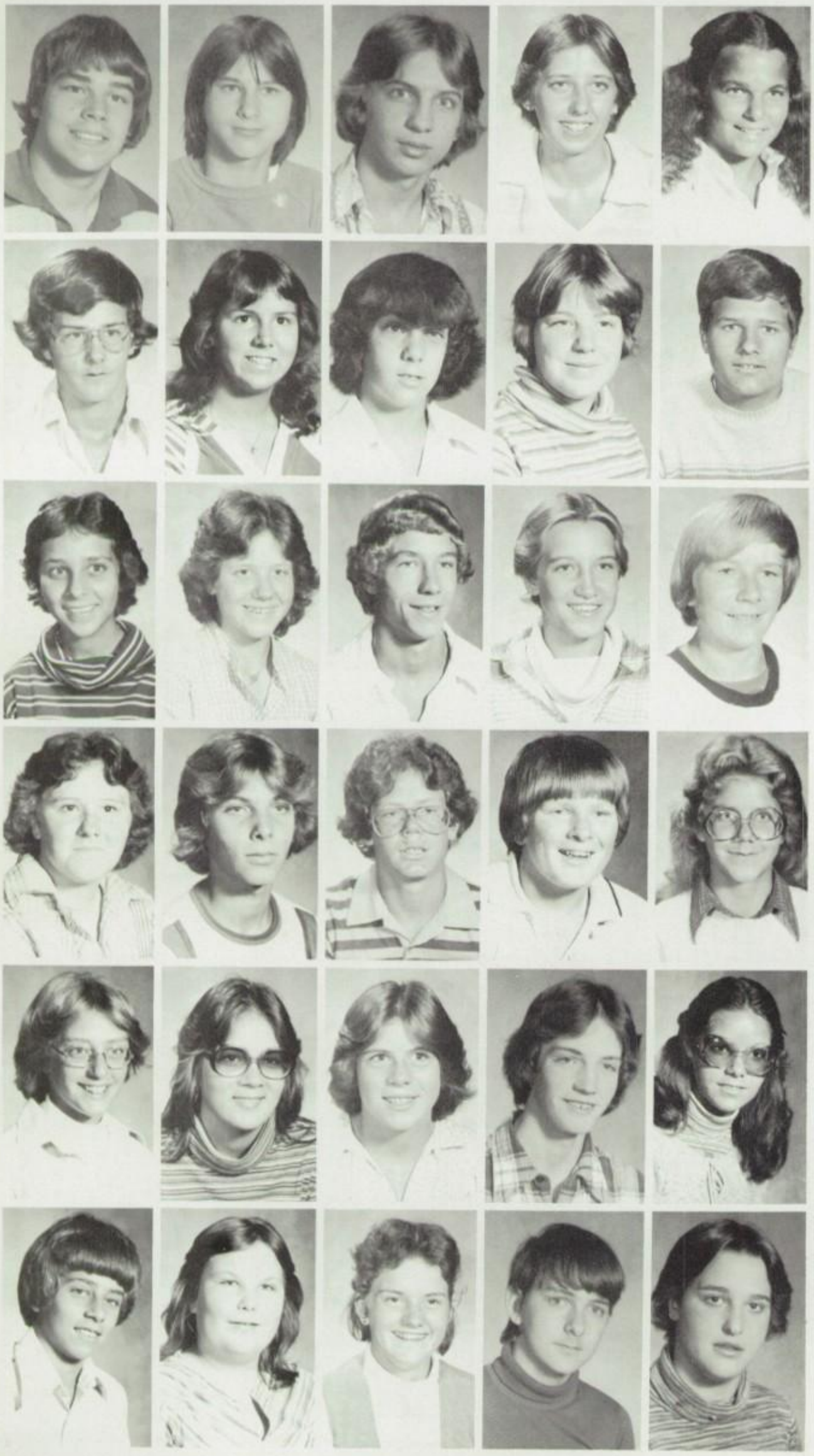

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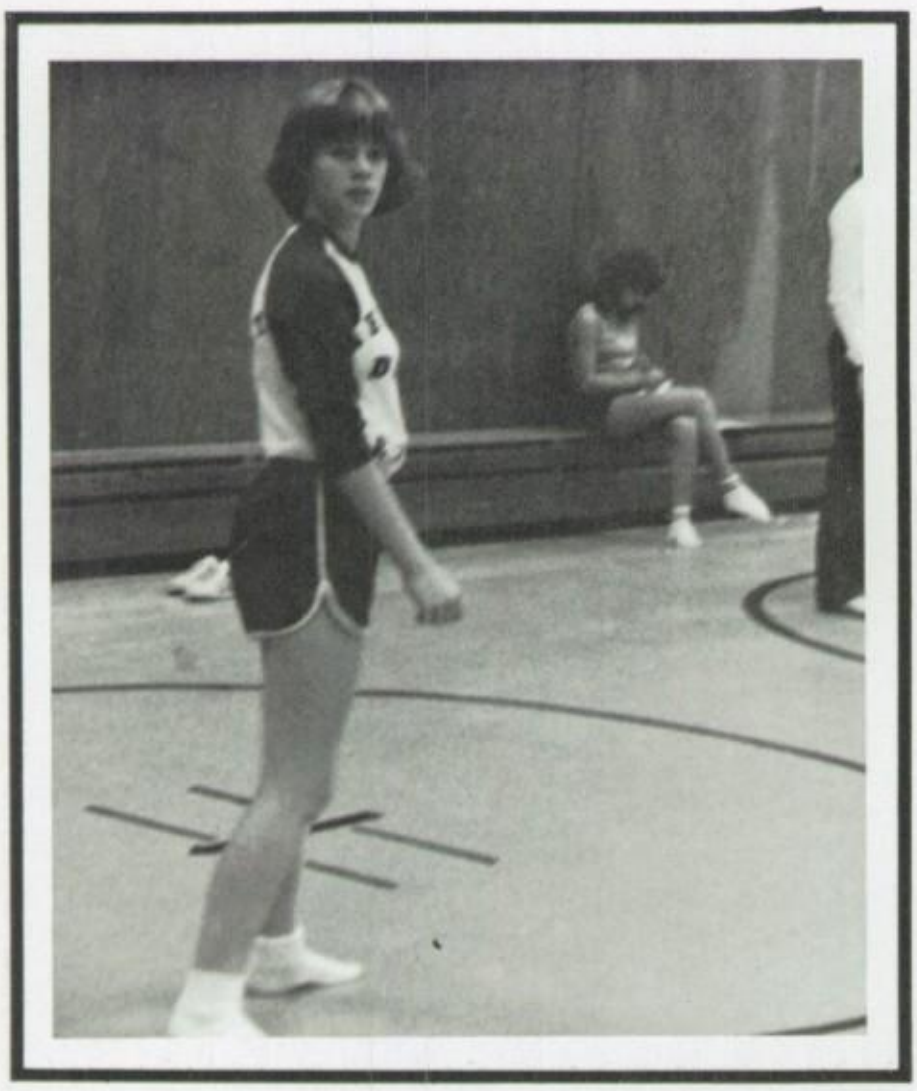

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Dawn Baker
Fred Baker
Mary Barr
Martin Bartholomy
Kathleen Bonner
Richie Bruse
Mischell Curtis
Christopher Granquist
Robert Hartley
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Jeffery Hicks
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Ann Lanza

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Michelle Loop
Thomas Maksymowski
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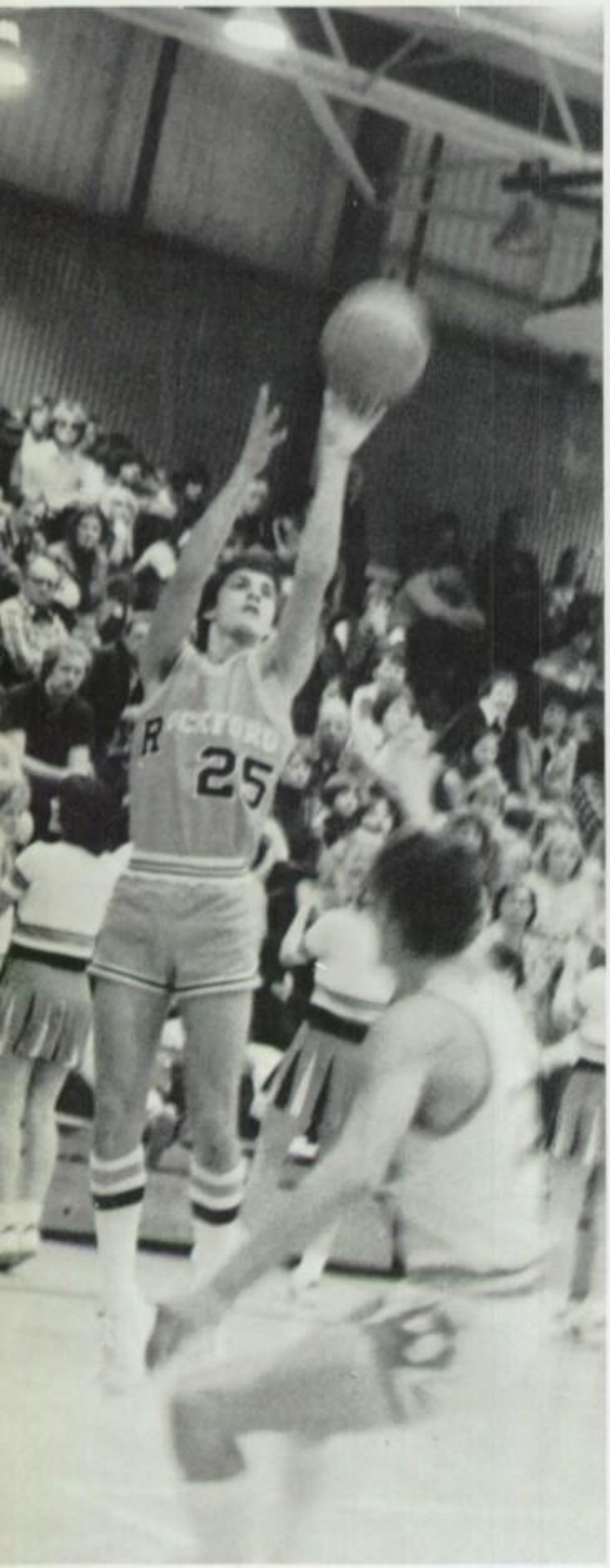
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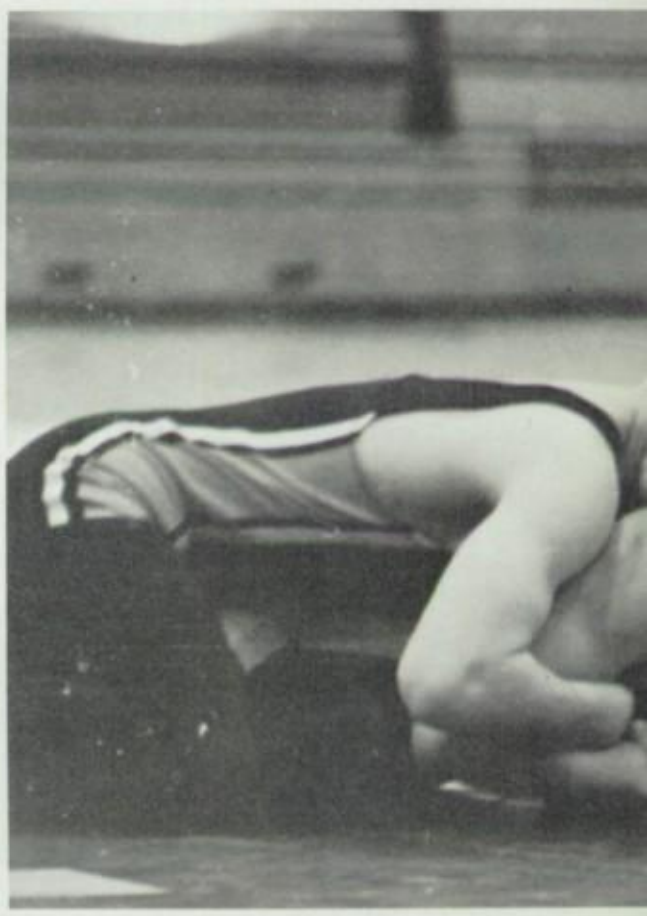
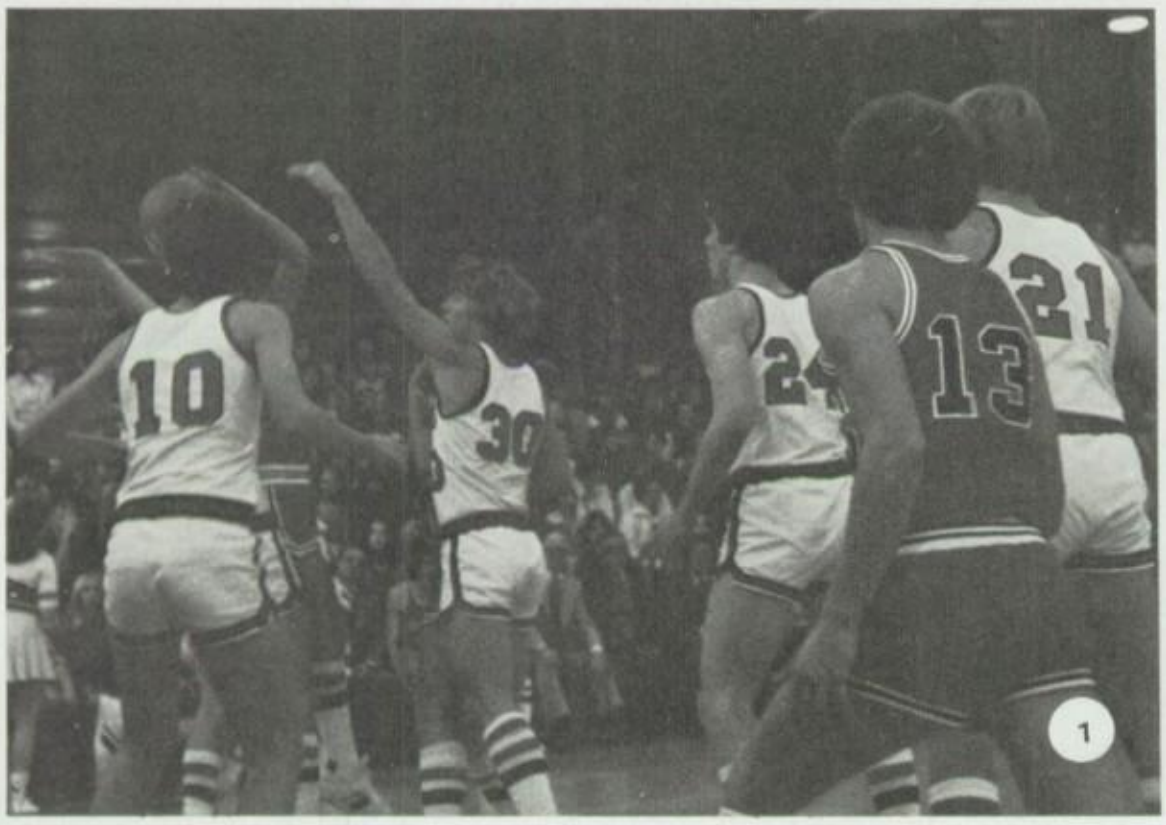


WINTER

"Fashions for all Seasons" was the theme of the fall fashion show presented by the home economics and clothing classes. 1 — Chris Radeck made a plaid vest, skirt, and blazer outfit. Deb Visser's project was a pair of beige dress slacks. 2 — Liz Dorgan poses in her fashionable skirt and vest. 3 — Judy Takens, with the help of her little brother, displays her class project, a child's jumpsuit.



As a pre-season scrimmage, the boys varsity basketball team playec an exhibition game for the RHS student body. The team was divided ir half and coached by members of the faculty and administration.

Here at last! A big event in everyone's sophomore year — finally purchasing class rings. 1 — The Josten's representative sizes Daryll Martinek's finger for his ring. 2 — The sophomores anxiously wait in line to receive their rings.

Friday nights after the game the east cafeteria was the place to be. Whether celebrating a victory or forgetting a loss the after-game dances promoted enthusiasm at RHS. The dances, sponsored by student council and various clubs featured bands "Second Wind", "Raven", "Detour", and many others.

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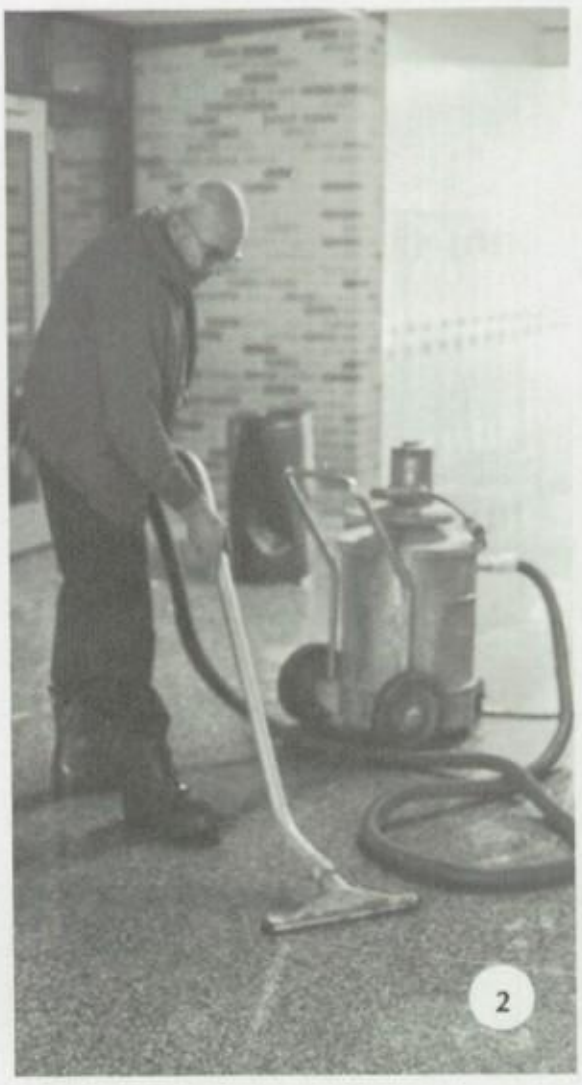

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1 — Along with the first snow of the winter came the first snowman. In a coffee cup? 2 — While students enjoyed "snowdays" off from school, custodian Russ Gray vacuums the water leakage caused from melting ice on the roof. 3 — Deep snow and pillars of ice hanging from the roof fill the RHS courtyard.

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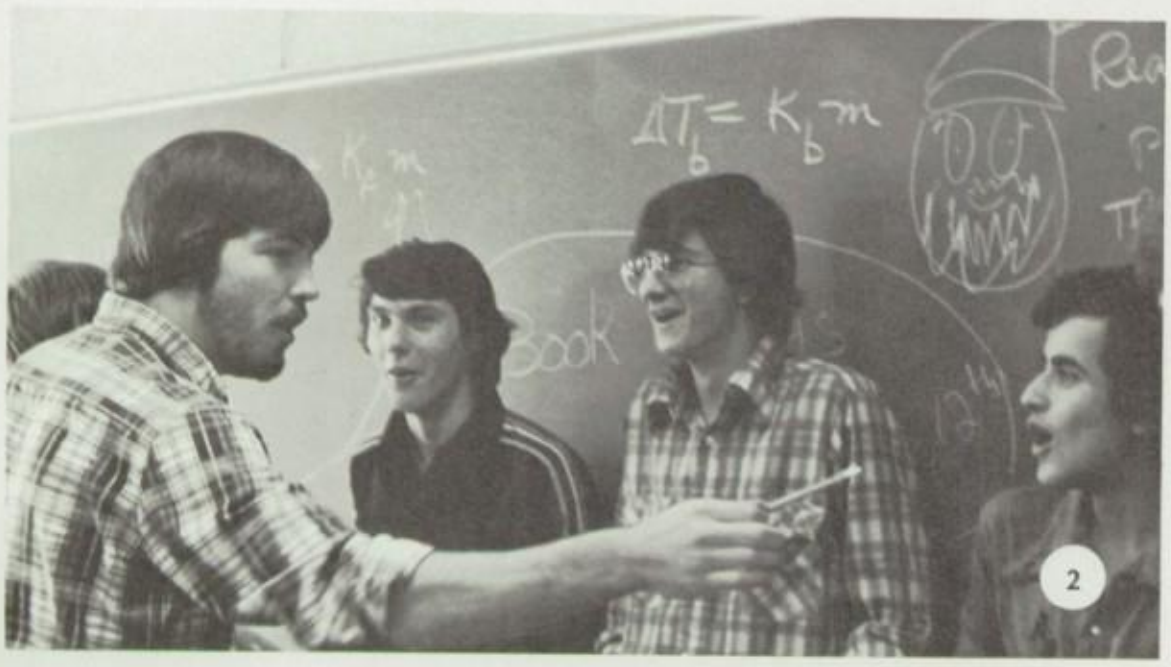
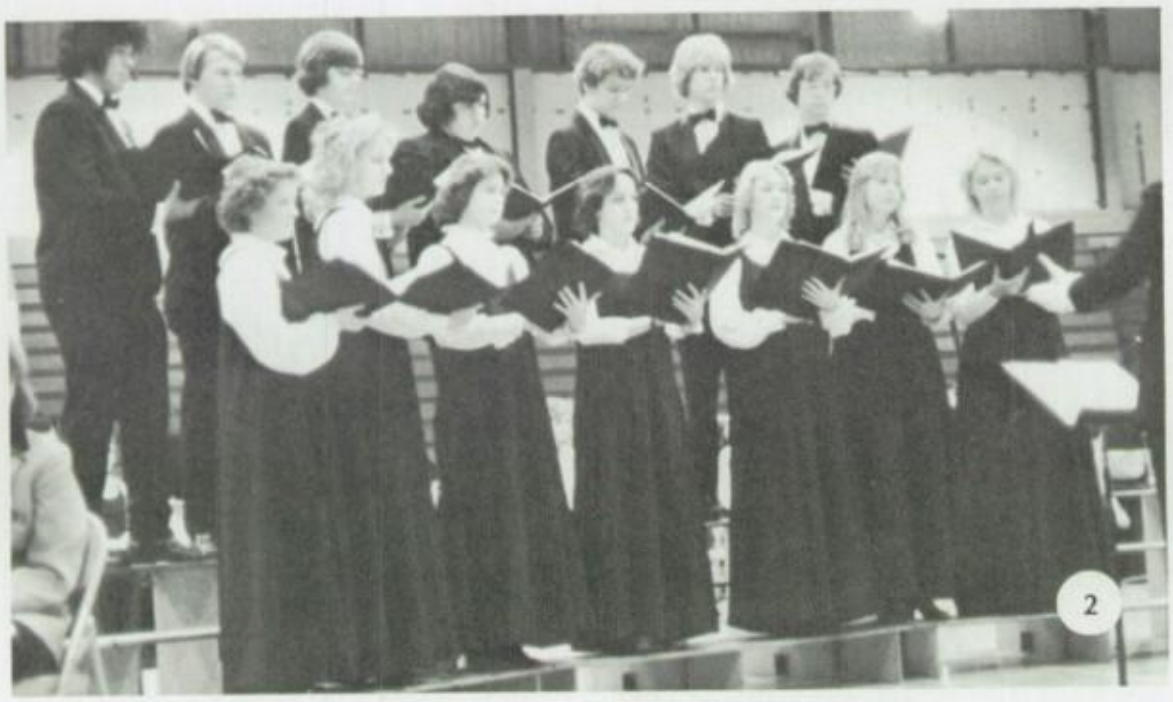
1 — The Senior class greeted the Christmas season by, of course, the annual stealing of the librarians Christmas tree. The unknown bandit seeks out a safe hiding place from them. 2 — A wall-to-wall "Seniors Greetings" card with the names of the entire senior class decorated the commons.



1-3 Mr. Spencer's chemistry classes contributed to the Christmas spirit by singing carols and attempting to re-enact the nativity scene. Under the direction of Mark Henshaw, are carolers Jim Teft, Mike Sinclair, Todd Sonke, Adam Abbgy, Jim Solomon, Doug Swider, Matt Weldon, Eric Tremlin, Scott Weston and Mr. Spencer.

Performing before the RHS student body in the annual Christmas concert: 1 — The symphonic band plays a selection directed by Mr. Landane. 2 — The chamber choir sings a carol to add to the Christmas spirit. 3 — Mr. Bass directs the bands in their final number.

The Latin club celebrates the Roman holiday "Saturnalia" by singing carols to the French students. In return, the Frenchies sang to the Romans. Sally Rollenhagen, Debbie Holbrook, Laura Roberts, Chuck Thomas, Colleen Modzeleski, sing for the Latin club.

Snow can be a lot of fun but it can also be a crutch as Ed Gillespie, Randy Smith, and Dave Hart found out.

The bands sold decorative candles to help pay for the new uniforms.

Rose Steimel layout editor for the Rams Tale collapses from exhaustion after a hard days work.

Production of the Rampage can also be a tedious job. Kathy Faber prepares the pages for the final printing.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!
Barb Lyonhall, Tim Babcock, Chris Radeck, Deb Visser, Polly Hoopingarner are just a few of those who celebrated Valentines Day in Mr. VanWingens' physiology class.

On Valentines Day the Latin Club sold and distributed carnations to RHS sweethearts.

1 — Even teachers such as Mr. Lyon have their own secret admirers.
2 — Joy Babcock, after receiving three carnations thinks twice about the three kisses she must give in return!

Attention all girls!!
This is your last chance to ask your favorite guy to the 1979 "Sweet-heart Swirl" coming Saturday, February 17th 8:30-11:30. Tickets are just $4.00 for this semi-formal dance. "Black Rose" will be the featured band. Free favors and refreshments will be available. The dance is sponsored by the junior class. All proceeds will go toward prom to be held in May. 1 — Todd Anderson and Shelly Johnson 'slow dancin' swaying to the music! 2 — Making like John Travolta, Joe Deering gives his rendition of "Saturday Nite Fever." 3 — Hostess for the evening Jody Livington and Pam Sheehan serving refreshments. 4 — "Black Roses" 'machine gun' drummer playing "slow-ride!!"

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1 — The FFA'S flapjack flippin' chef Fred Bartlett takes a break from the kitchen.
2 — FFA treasurer Cheri Brunsink samples the pancakes and sausage at the FFA Pancake Supper.

Exploring French cooking, Miss Mathews French classes learn more than language and culture. The meal prepared consisted of onion soup, chocolate mousse, chicken in wine sauce, strawberry tart, mushroom pastry.

The Trail Blazer was the first Rockford High School yearbook. It was published in 1925 and the editor was Wallace Clark.

Breakfast was a main course for the FCA members when they attended Calvin College for an all regional FCA get together. 1 — Doug Swider and Jim Bivins enjoy their meals. 2 — Fritz Petersen, a former pitcher for the New York Yankees, signing autographs.

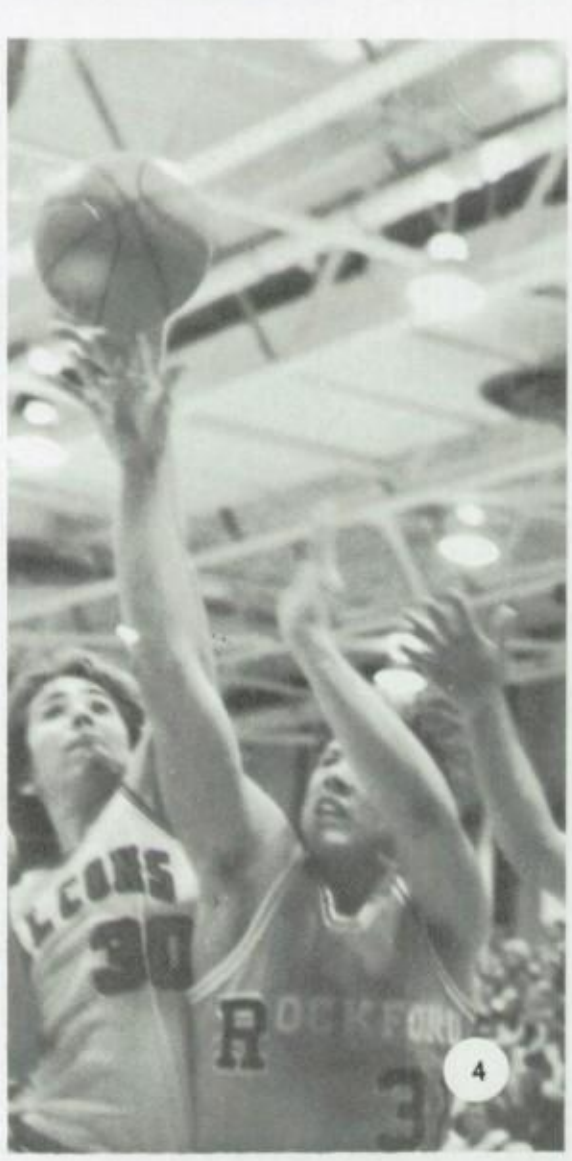
Look up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a solar eclipse! 1— Crawling out from under their protective boxes, the science class members take a breather from watching the eclipse. 2 — Photographer, Kevin Evans "catches it while he can" because it won't happen again until 2017!.

Varsity Takes Fourth

The Varsity Rams played .500 ball in conference with a 7-13 record overall.

Big wins this year were Kentwood 53-52, Grandville 75-57, and a last second win over Northville. Top players were Scott Smith who led with assists and Dan Rudman who led rebounds with 210, Dan Was also named All-Conference. With Mike Coleman shooting 80% from the freethrow line and Scott Weston averaging 8 points a game, and strong bench efforts by Brian Dolph, Dan Ursal, and Todd Anderson, the team finished 4th in the conference.

1 — Coach Cwayna is shown here hugging Eric Tremlin after Eric hit two freethrows with one second left against Northview.
2 — Scott Smith is shown shooting against W. Ottawa, Scott averaged 8.4 points per game in league play.
3 — Scott Weston puts in two of his season total 168 points against Grandville.
4 — Sophomore Randy Annis led the team in scoring with 203 total points.
5 — Greg Robinson puts two points in over Rogers guard Hudson.
6 — VARSITY BASKETBALL, Front Row: Scott Smith, Greg Robinson, Brian Dolph, Todd Anderson, Dan Ursal.
Middle Row: Scott Corbin, Randy Annis, Dan Rudman, Brian Graves, Eric Tremlin.
Back Row: Coach Pat Cawyna, Mike Jacobs, Mike Coleman, Scott Weston, Glenn Swider, manager.



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VARSITY BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
48	Cedar Springs	49
41	Rogers	71
53	Kentwood	52
53	F.H. Central	46
50	E.G.R.	64
75	Grandville	57
55	Northview	49
65	Lowell	61
52	Jenison	37
57	Sparta	58
45	Ionia	46
62	Rogers	67
36	W. Ottawa	46
59	Kentwood	72
56	E.G.R.	65
63	Grandville	60
63	G.R. Christian	68
50	Northview	47
78	Jenison	47
50	W. Ottawa	64
50	Ottawa Hills	57

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JV BASKETBALL TEAM, Front Row: Dave Dubes, Chris Hoekstra, Scott Sikkema, Pete Waters, Ron Douglas, Larry Twyman. **Middle Row:** Greg Wingerter, Gary Coleman, Bill Jones, Mike Bivins, Brad Baker, Rick Luce. **Back Row;** Coach Pete Olson.

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FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
25	Cedar Springs	39
27	Rogers	49
22	Kentwood	59
22	Forest Hills C.	27
43	E.G.R.	40
29	Grandville	51
26	Northview	36
25	Jenison	63
47	Sparta	44
13	Rogers	37
37	W. Ottawa	42
22	Kentwood	60
22	E.G.R.	39
43	Grandville	56
33	Jenison	39
45	Northview	30
24	E. Kentwood	41
25	E.G.R.	32
28	W. Ottawa	48

J.V. BASKETBALL

Rockford		Opponent
49	Cedar Springs	36
50	Rogers	69
54	Kentwood	forfiet
74	E.G.R.	65
72	F.H. Central	38
52	Grandville	58
66	Northview	53
67	Lowell	39
52	Jenison	50
64	Sparta	46
66	Ionia	49
63	Rogers	48
49	West Ottawa	44
52	Kentwood	48
68	E.G.R.	54
56	Grandville	35
52	Christian	43
46	Northview	43
54	Jenison	50
61	West Ottawa	49

JV Take 1st

"Winning isn't the object of the game, it's how well you play it," and this years Junior Varsity basketball team proved that you could do both by finishing with a 12-2 conference record and a 18-2 overall record.

Leading scorer, Peter Waters, received a lot of help and enthusiasm from his team members in achieving such a winning season. The team was coached to victory by Pete Olson.

1 — Gary Coleman takes the ball down the court.

FRESHMEN BASKETBALL TEAM Front Row: Ron Chaney, Gary White, Mike Forest, Jay Clark, Todd Tinker, Gary Fisher, Kevin Baker, Kirk Armstrong. **Back Row:** Tim Befus, Steve Tanner, Greg Gyka, Rich Carlson, Rob Lucas, Coach Mike Holton.

Frosh End 1st Season

This year's freshman basketball team ended their first season with a 2-14 conference record and a 3-16 overall record.

They were coached by Mike Holton.

1 — Rob Lucas goes for two.
2 — Todd Tinker jumps, waiting for the ball.

Records Broken

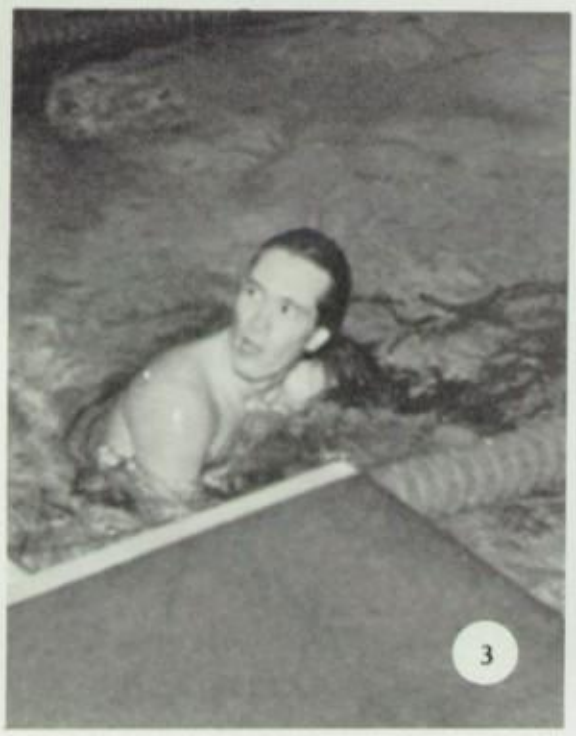
The long standing RHS swim records of Jeff Livingston were shattered by sophomore Bill Wynne this year. The records now stand at 1.56 in the 200 free and 5.24 in the 500 free.

Craig Carlson led the team with 145½ points, while Bill Wynne and Eric Burgoon were close behind with 143 and 121 respectively. The most improved swimmer was Jim Young. The outstanding frosh swimmer was Pat Pokorny.

Rusty Shafer, senior, and Chad Randall, freshman, led the divers.

The team completed their season with 1 win 7 loss record in the OK Red Division.

1 — Coach Doug Verduin confers with team manager Steve Kurtz.
2 — **BOYS SWIMMING: Top Row:** Marty Balk, Bill Wynne, Rusty Shafer, Eric Burgoon, Wayne Schmidt, Kevin Rowley, Chad Randall, Craig Carlson, Jim Young, Dave Bensen. **Middle Row:** Coach Doug Verduin, Manager, Steve Kurtz, Tim Cowen, Brian Deuel, Mark Lyzen, Pat Pokorny. **Bottom Row:** Jack Best, Dan Cavera, Steve Pollie, Tom Cavera.
3 — Wayne Schmidt catches his breath after swimming the 100 yard backstroke.
4 — Craig Carlson gives it all he's got in the 200 I.M.
5 — The team gives a victory smile after their win against Rogers.
6 — Chad Randall executes a swan dive.
7 — Rusty Shafer, senior, performs a back dive.



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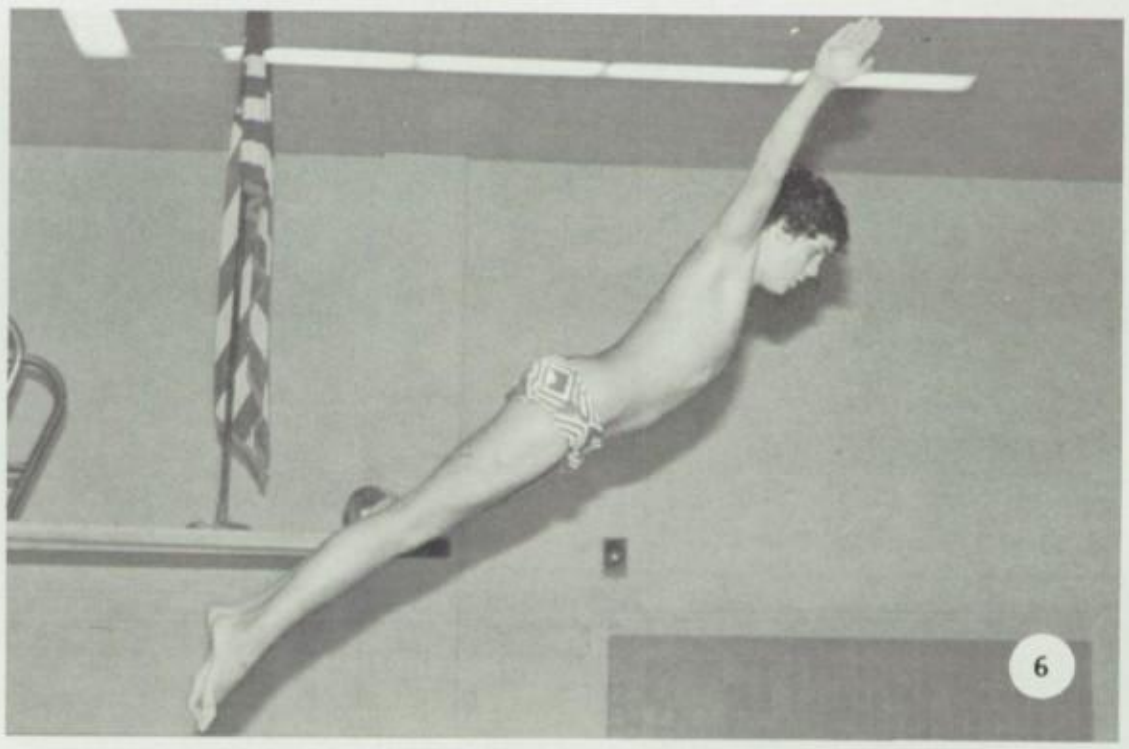

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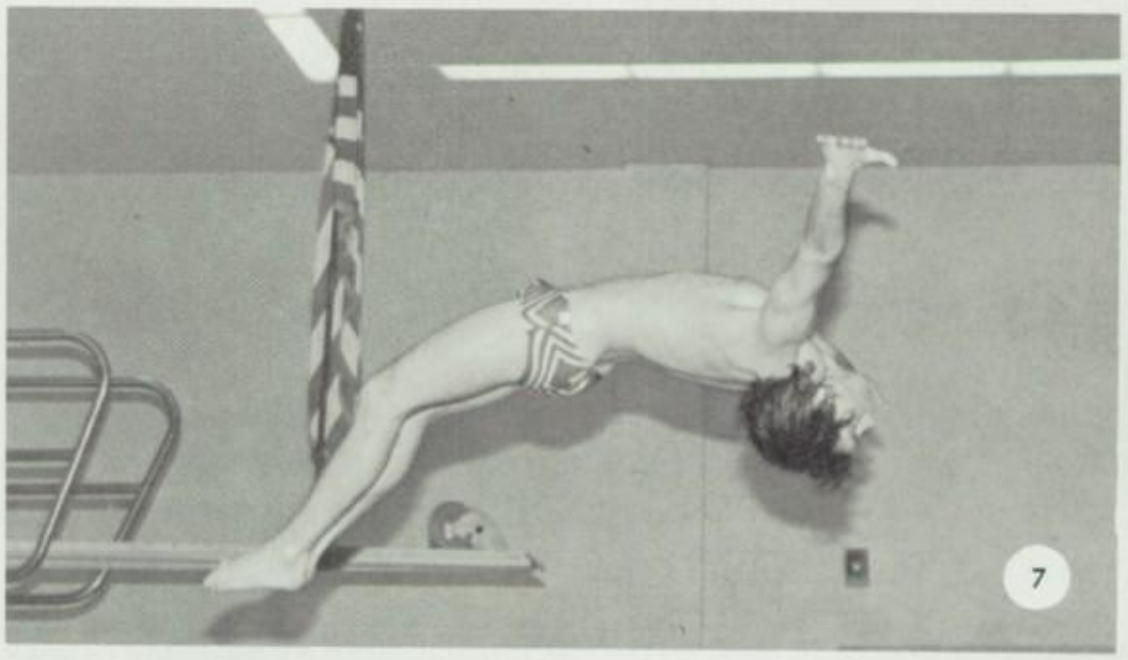
Rockford		Opponent
54	Ottawa Hills	118
72	F.H. Northern	100
87	G.R. Christian	82
103	Rogers	68
62	Fruitport	21
45	East Kentwood	127
77	West Catholic	95
51	E.G.R.	122
72	Grandville	100
54	Northview	118
68	Jenison	104
51	West Ottawa	121
84	Union	88



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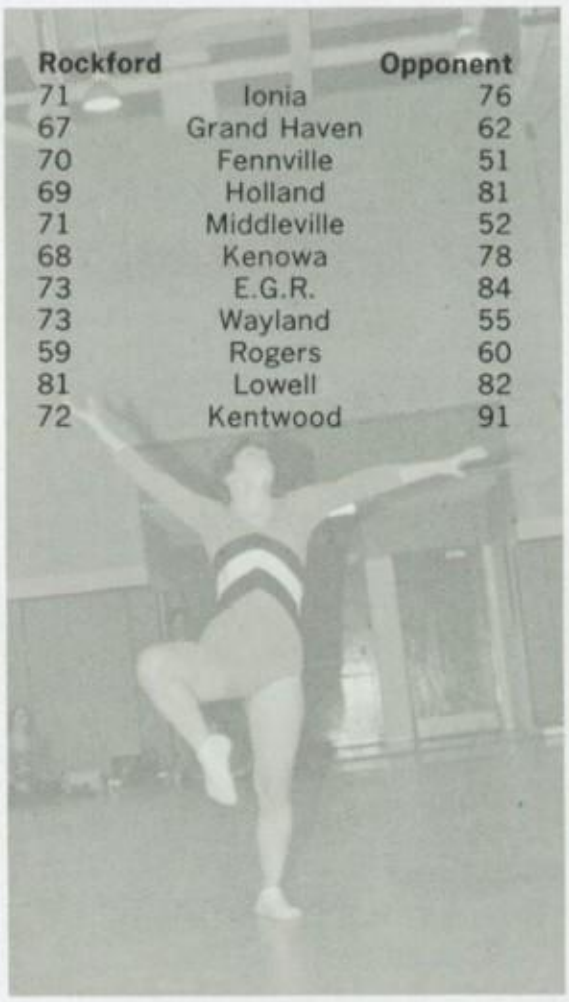
Gymnasts Win 4 Meets

The gymnastics team ended the season with a 4 win — 7 record. At the end of the season Lori Laraway was voted Most Dedicated, Cindy Burton Most Improved, and Mickey Kaiser Most Valuable.

The team members prepared for the season by taking gymnastic, ballet, and disco dancing lessons over the summer. The team elected Lori Laraway as their captain and competed in 2 invitationals. They placed sixth at the Fremont invitational and eighth at the Kentwood invitational.

This was Linda Boyd's first year as head coach. Miss Laura Vanderbout was her assistant.

Rockford		Opponent
71	Ionia	76
67	Grand Haven	62
70	Fennville	51
69	Holland	81
71	Middleville	52
68	Kenowa	78
73	E.G.R.	84
73	Wayland	55
59	Rogers	60
81	Lowell	82
72	Kentwood	91



1 — Mickey Kaiser does a handspring on the horse.
2 — Michele Kozlowski executes a tuck leap on the beam.
3 - GYMNASTICS TEAM, Front Row: Karey Whitfield, Lori Larway, Brenda Maine, Stephanie Janicki, Norma Huttenga, Mary Frodl, Marnita Peters, Annamae Dulyear, Bonnie Pitsch, Mickey Kaisser, BACK ROW: Miss Boyd, Miss Vanderbout, and manager Steve Groh.
4 — Brenda Maine in the mdidle of a back somie in her floor ex routine.
5 — Lori Laraway goes into a front walkover.
6 — The gymnastics team Head Coach Linda Boyd.
7 — Bonnie Pitsch prepares for a back-hip circle.

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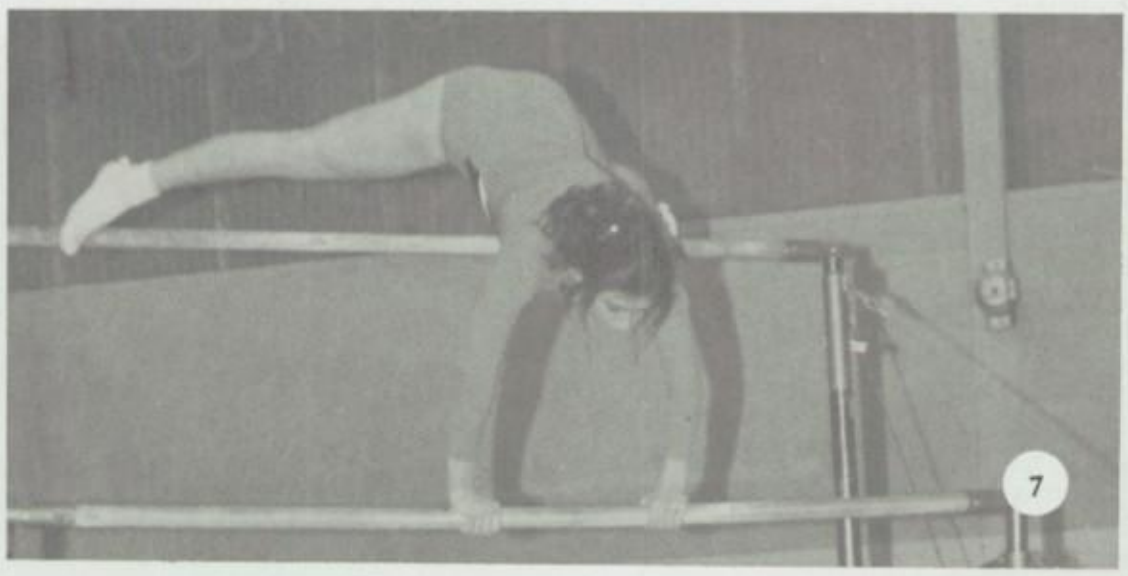
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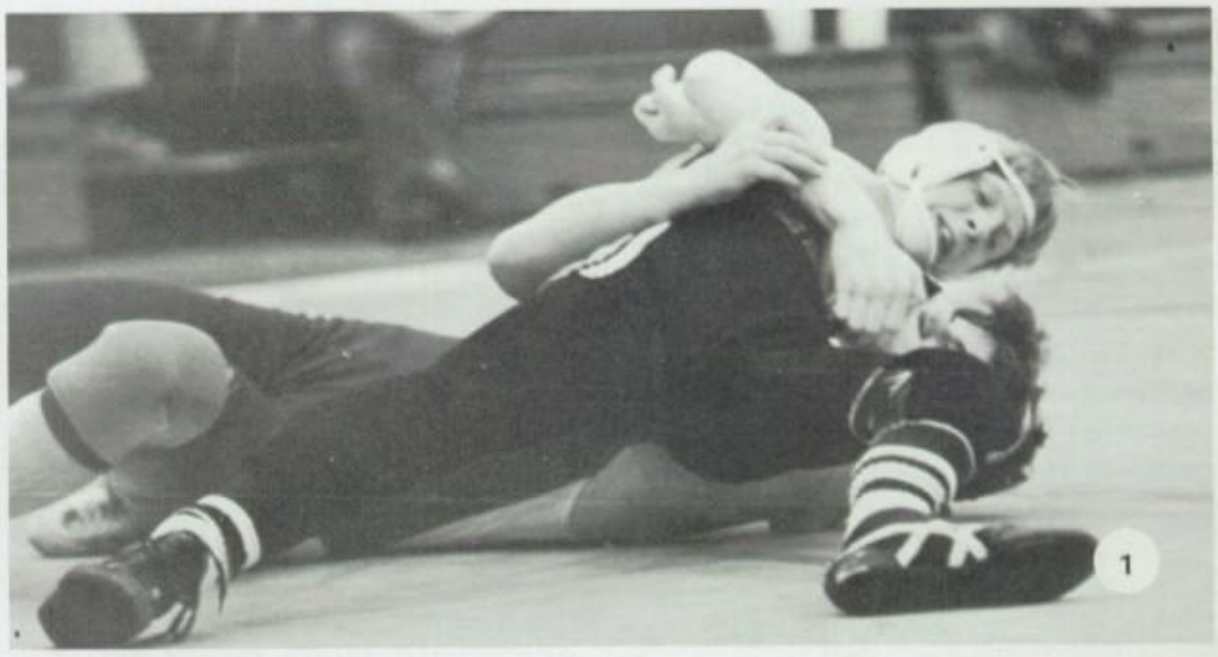
Kiliszewski Furnishes A Strong Hold At 98 Lbs.

The 78-79 varsity wrestlers ended their season with an overall record of 4-10, and 0-7 in the league.

Scott Kiliszewski, wrestling at 98 lbs., finished third in regional, fifth in state, and also was district champ. Scott was chosen for the Grand Rapids All-Area Wrestling Team and he also received the team's Most Valuable player award at the wrestling banquet put on by the parents. Most Improved player award went to **Craig Milewski,** and the Tom Schrauben Memorial Award to **Dick Johnson,** for dedication.

The Rams were coached by **Pat Coleman** and Assistant Coach **Don Rhinehart.** Co-captains were **Bill Osborn** and **Andy Jansma.**



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1 — **Andy Jansma** in the process of flattening his opponent.
2 — Strong and steady, **Tim Streeter** executes a move.
3 — Urging on a teammate during a match is **Pat Coleman, Craig Milewski, Tim Streeter, Dan DeVries, Brian Baker, Matt Weldon, Scott Kiliszewski.**
4 — VARSITY WRESTLING: **Front Row:** Matt Weldon, Tim Streeter, Dave Anderson, Scott Kiliszewski, Dan DeVries, Bill Osborn. **Back row:** Craig Milewski, Joe Karasiewicz, Tim Babcock, Eric Jordan, Kent Scott, Jeff Bartholomy, Andy Jansma.
5 — **Eric Jordan** ready to make the first move.
6 — **Bill Osborn** putting on the squeeze.
7 — Coach **Pat Coleman.**

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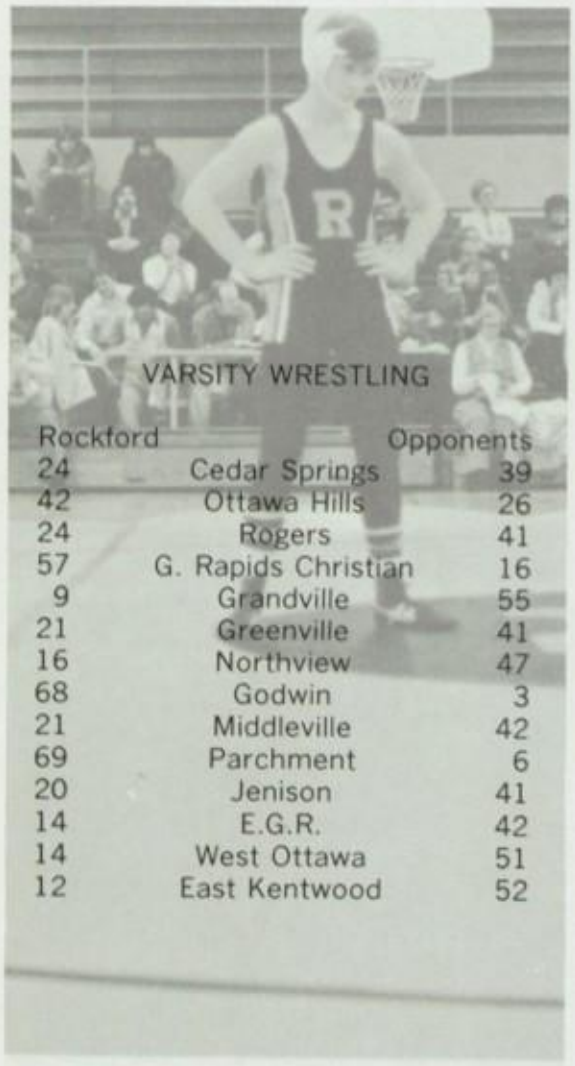

VARSITY WRESTLING

Rockford		Opponents
24	Cedar Springs	39
42	Ottawa Hills	26
24	Rogers	41
57	G. Rapids Christian	16
9	Grandville	55
21	Greenville	41
16	Northview	47
68	Godwin	3
21	Middleville	42
69	Parchment	6
20	Jenison	41
14	E.G.R.	42
14	West Ottawa	51
12	East Kentwood	52

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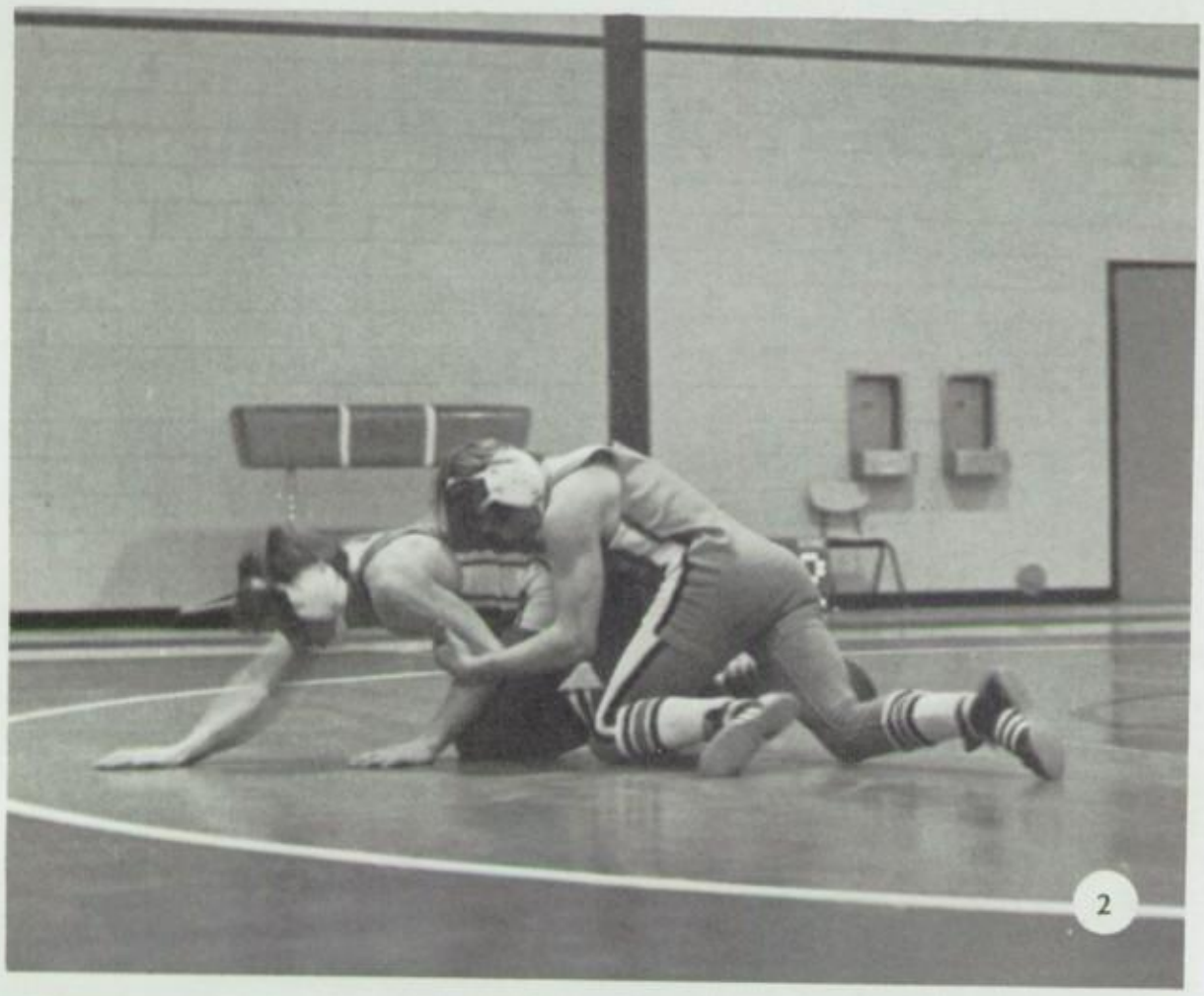
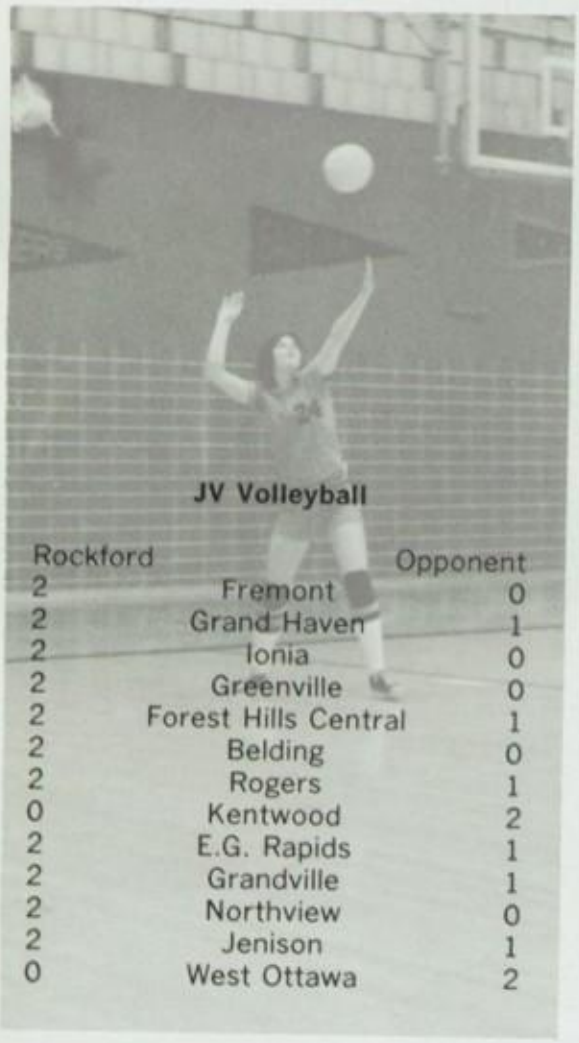


Wrestling

Leading JV Wrestlers were Joe Wozniak and Bruce Osborn, Joe Wozniak was named most valuable player. Coach was Don Rinehart.

1 — JV WRESTLING, Back Row: Joe Wozniak, Mike Morningstar, Kurt Neigebauer, Barry Cole, John Gross. Front Row: Randy Karasiewicz, Bruce Osborn, Brian Milewski, John Jackson, John Onderko.
2 — John Jackson wrestling at Kentwood.



JV Volleyball

Rockford		Opponent
2	Fremont	0
2	Grand Haven	1
2	Ionia	0
2	Greenville	0
2	Forest Hills Central	1
2	Belding	0
2	Rogers	1
0	Kentwood	2
2	E.G. Rapids	1
2	Grandville	1
2	Northview	0
2	Jenison	1
0	West Ottawa	2

JV Wins 13

The 78-79 Girls JV Volleyball season ended with a record of 13-2 and 5-2 in conference. Coach Mary Kapteyn said: "We had a fantastic season. All the girls stuck together throughout the entire season, working hard and not giving up when behind."

1 — JV VOLLEYBALL, Back Row: Pat Bradley, Liz Kleefish, Sue Draper, Barb Beamer, Carol Brown, Jackie Mueller, Licia Trierweiler, Miss Kapteyn. Front Row: Becky Young, Patty Barker, Mari Zenk, Karen Clove, Lisa Wolbrink, Cindy Heremans, Beth Stacey.
2 — Becky Young attempts a spike against Kentwood.

Varsity Wins Seven

The varsity volleyball team ended a respectable season this year with a win loss record of 7 and 9. In the conference, they were 2 and 5. Diane Kurant was named to the all-conference team. Ester Fessenden received an honorable mention. Diane also received the most valuable player award, while the most enthusiastic award went to our Japanese exchange student Keiko Furuta.

1 — The team rallies for spirit.
2 — VARSITY VOLLEYBALL, Ladder: Ester Fessenden, Diane Kurant, Back Row: Coach Williams, Brenda Weston, Sandy Preston, Sally Ottenwess, Keiko Furuta, Diane Whitman. Front Row: Cindy Laage, Robin Kitler, Lisa Jones, Shari Ingraham, and Joan Shier.
3 — Coach Williams surveys her team.
4 — Diane Kurant bumps the ball over the net.
5 — Slamming down the ball, Diane Whitman overpowers her opponent.
6 — Lori Ketchum spikes for a point.
7 — Cindy Laage serves up a killer.

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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Rockford		Opponent
2	West Catholic	0
1	Fremont	2
2	Ionia	0
2	Catholic Central	0
2	Greenville	0
0	F.H. Central	2
2	Belding	0
0	Grand Haven	2
2	Rogers	1
0	E. Kentwood	2
0	EGR	2
1	Grandville	2
0	Muskegon	2
1	Northview	2
2	Jenison	0
0	West Ottawa	2

John Andrews, Randy Annis, Betsy Armstrong, Mark Armstrong, Ruth Augustine, Hugo Auzins, Chris Averill, Ken Axdorf

Lynne Azkoul, Brad Baker, Mary Baker, Mary Baldridge, Carol Bamford, Kathy Barr, Tina Barringer, Tim Barry

Doug Bartholomew, Kevin Barton, Sue Barton, Lisa Bastian, Cindy Bayn, Bonnie Beckett, Barb Beemer, Diana Benham

Laura Berry, Todd Bittenbender, Mike Bivins, Deb Bloch, Natalie Border, Lynne Borrink, Joe Bosch, Renee Bowman, Nancy Bradley, Anne Breimayer, Sue Brewer, Rich Brinkman

Ann Brodowski, Carol Brown, Deana Brown, Leon Brown, Trixie Brunsink, Lisa Burgoon, Lora Burgoon, John Burkholder, Rob Burnett, Cindy Burton, Doug Byle, Annette Call

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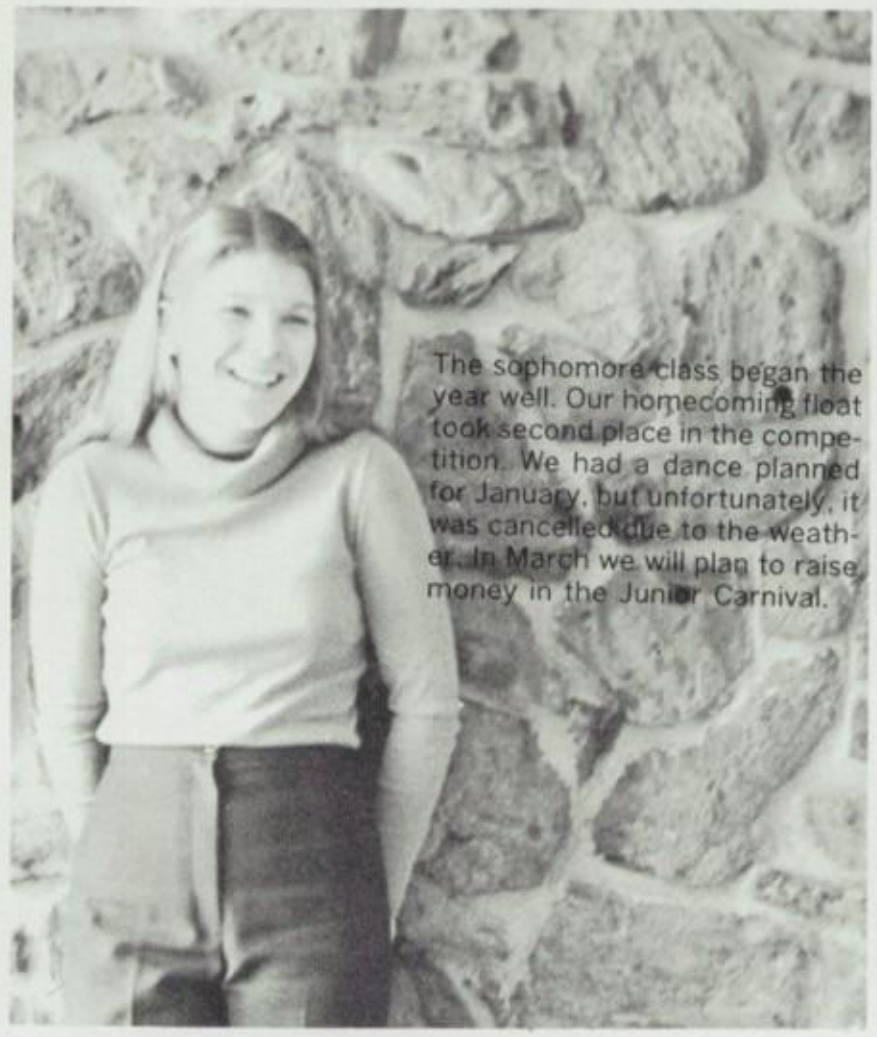

The sophomore class began the year well. Our homecoming float took second place in the competition. We had a dance planned for January, but unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the weather. In March we will plan to raise money in the Junior Carnival.

Greg Coleman, Kathy Cook, Becky Cowen, Lisa Crapsey, Cindy Crusan, Kathie Curtice, Kelly Dauser, Suzie Davenport, Barb Davies, Chris Dawson, Colleen DeBoer, Tara Decker

Joe Denton, Carrie Deters, Brad Deuel, Denise Deverman, Dan DeVries, Brenda DeWitt, Scott Dievendorf, Todd Dievendorf, Ann Doerr, Ron Douglas, Don Downer, Sue Draper

Kim Driver, Dave Dubes, Annamae Dulyea, Donna Eberle, Kris Eggleston, Emmeth Engeseth, Tim Fegel, Lynn Faringa

Peggy Fessenden Vickie Finch, Phylis Fisher, Rhonda Fisk, Theresa Fisk, Daphne Fletcher, Scott Flynn, Beth Forner

Sherry Fox, Cheryl Frampton, Scott Freeland, Nancy Frodl, Dave Fulbright, Chuck Fulk, Lisa Gebauer, Melissa Genson

Todd Gerloski, Glen Gerner, Lori Golec, Robin Goodwin, Connie Gorby, Diane Gort, Alan Graham, Vickie Gravelle, Patti Graves, Larry Grimm, Wendy Grinnell, Steve Groh

Sophomore Class Officers: President; Anne Mawby, Vice President; Terri Vissia, Treasurer; Barb Davies

Dave Gross, John Gross, Susan Guy, Rick Haddad, Bryan Hallock, Steve Haner, Connie Hanson, Karen Harig, Alice Hart, Karen Harvey, Cindy Herremans, Chris Hill

Karen Hill, Dave Hockstra, Chris Hoekstra, Mike Hofert, Debbie Holbrook, Bobby Holdridge

Ken Homrich, Laurie Hormuth, Kris Howard, Cindy Huff, Cathy Hutchinson, John Jackson

Rhonda Jerrils, Bill Jones, Eric Jordan, Patti Jorgensen, Gary Judis, David Karasiewicz, Jim Karasiewicz, Randy Karasiewicz, Scott Karrip, Barb Kennedy, Dan Kennedy, Glenn Kersjes

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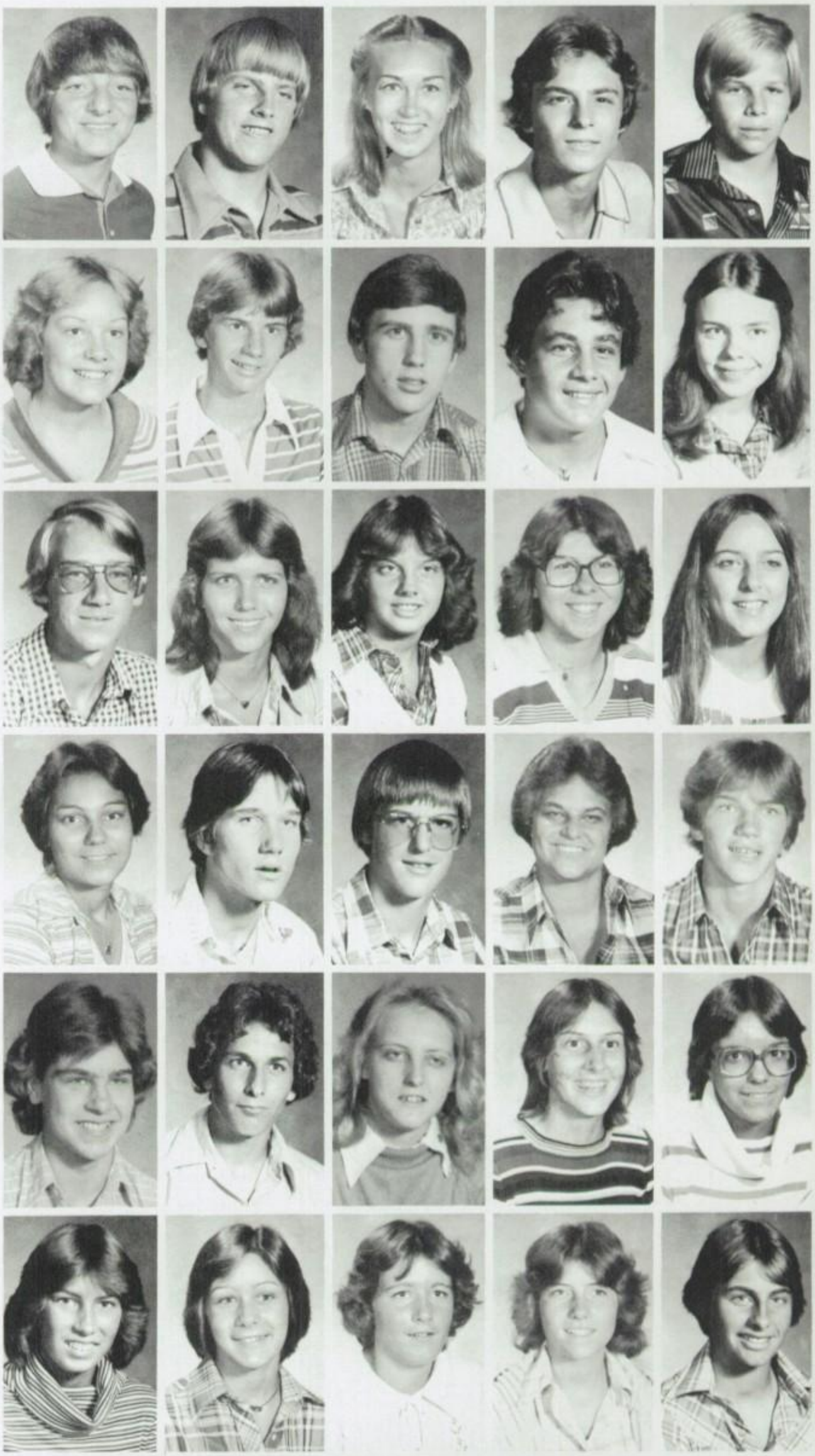

Student Council Representatives: back row: Monica Zawistowski, Janet Clove, Chris Sallee, Becky Cowen, Sandy Menke. **front row:** Doug Bartholomew, Lisa Wolbrink, Jim Onderko, Brenda Weston, Katie Roberts. **not pictured:** Chris Richards

Tom Lovell, Rick Luce, Connie Magoon, Chris Mallory, Jackie Mansel, Gwen Marsman, Darryl Martinek, Peter Mason, Anne Mawby

Laura McCraig, Tom McEnanly, Sallie McFall, Tim McKellar, Greg McLenithan, Eric Meissner, Sandy Menke, Patti Mick, Brian Milewski

Jim Miller, Henry Millering, Marjori Morningstar, Michael Morningstar, Maureen Morrisey, Ben Mosqueda, Jackie Mueller, Jenny Mull, Larry Mull

Paula Myers, Alison Nahs, Kurt Neigebauer, Kevin Nelson, Scott Nelson, Sandie Newland, Anne Nielsen, Ray Nielsen, Kim Nies

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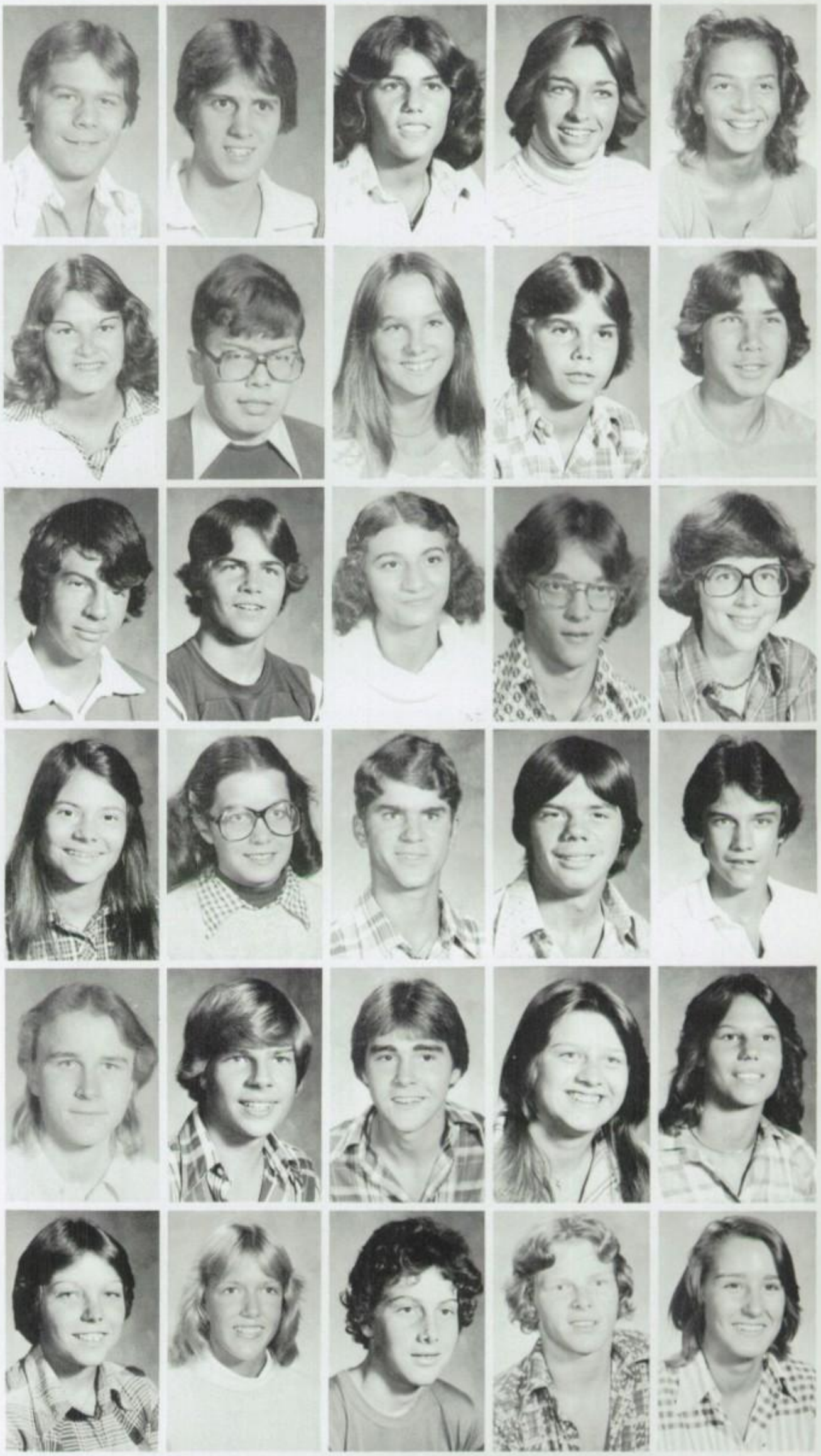

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Brenda Scholtens, Scott Schuitman, Todd Schutte, Carla Selby, Scott Semon, Kathy Sheehan, Todd Sheldon, Jo Ellen Shellen

Kathy Sherd, Brian Sherman, Scott Sikkema, Frank Skeels, Tim Slattery, Marian Smelik, Gary Smith, Marji Smith

Rita Smith, David Sodergren, Mel Solar, Denise Sonke, John Spaulding, Dennis Starlin, Mike Starlin, Art Steimel

Tim Stein, Tom Stephens, Brenda Stinson, Jayne Stratton, Michelle Streeter, Tim Streeter, Robin Stuart, Scott Swem, Dan Takas, Judy Takens, Arlene Taylor, Kelly Tenwalde

Amber Tetzlaff, Dianne Thomas, Ron Thomas, Agnes Tolsma, Troy Towers, Larry Twyman, Jeff Ullrey, Terri Unger, Lynne Van Baarle, Carol Vanderklipp, Gary VanDerscheer, Mark Vasilnek

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Penny Walker, Suzanne Walters, Peter Waters, Robert Weaver, Susan Weemhoff, Cathy Weldon, Craig Werkema, Brenda Weston

Dan White, Jonathon Whitfield, Karey Whitfield, Ben Wierks, Sharon Wiersma, Pam Wilhelm, Greg Wingerter, Karl Wainright

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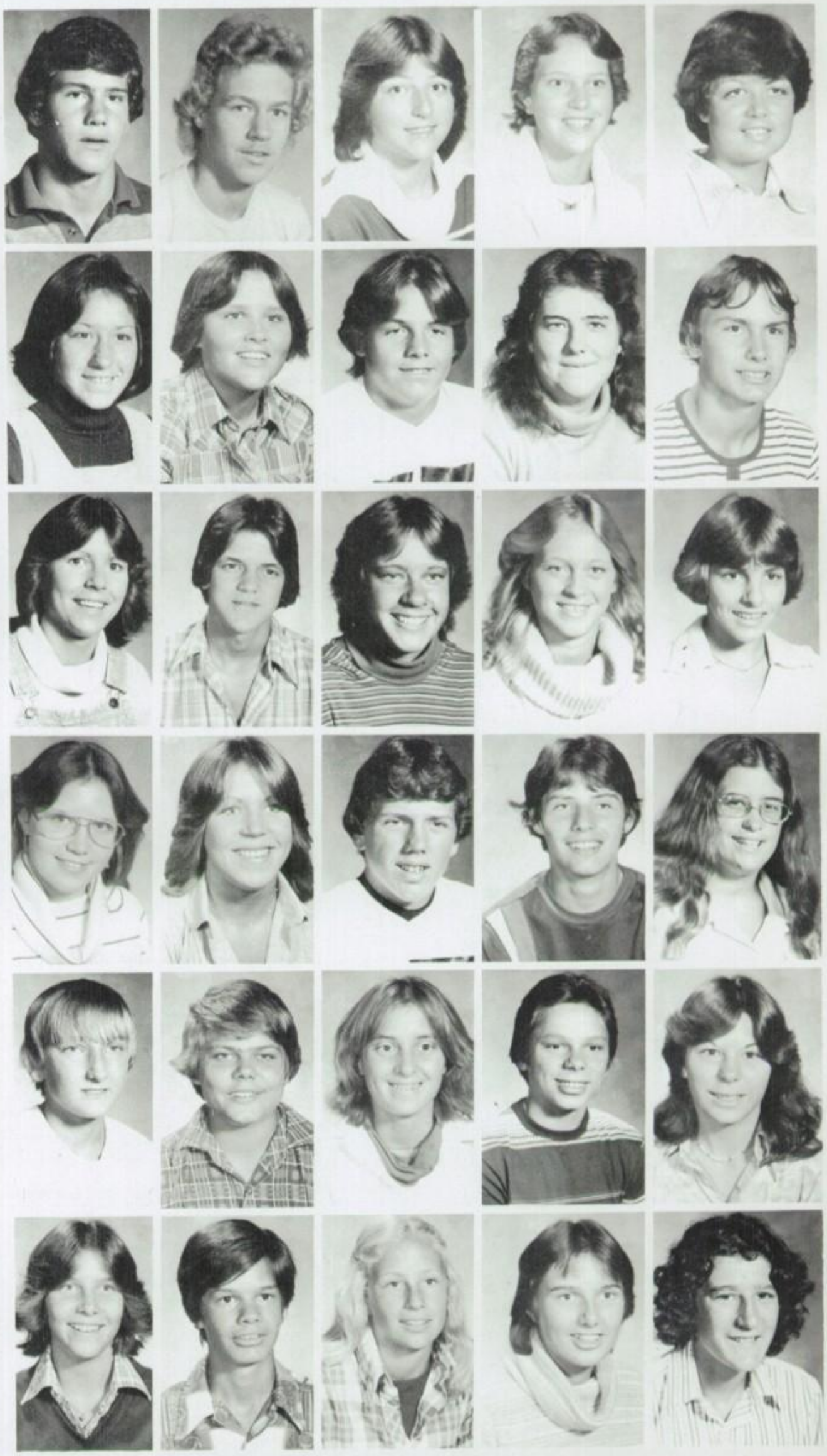

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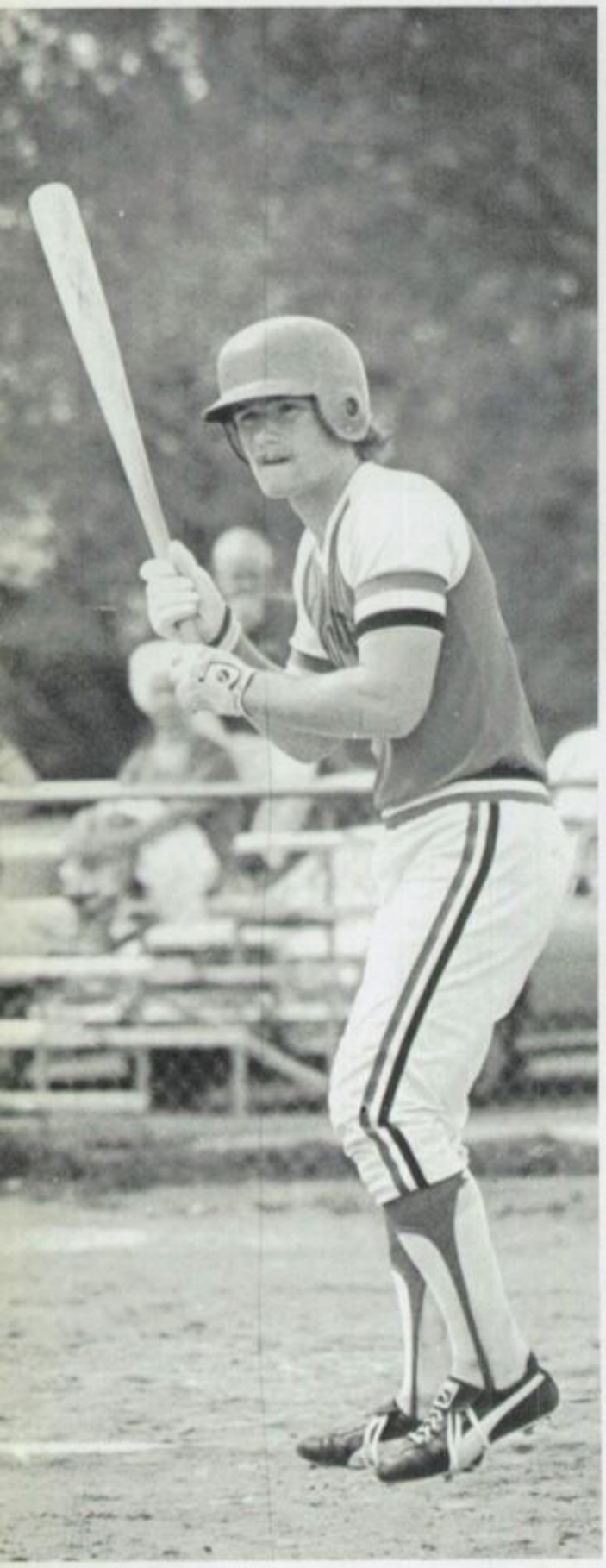

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SPRING

The first sign of Spring at RHS were the brightly colored tulips planted in the front drive by the Building and Grounds Commission. 2 — Students enjoy the warm weather during lunch break.

Spring means vacation to many hard-working seniors who have scrimped and saved their pennies to spend a week of glorious sun and sand in the Bahamas. Nearly 100 students made the trip, to enjoy the tourist sights and participate in some typical vacationer activities. Besides parasailing, motor cycling, playing slot machines in the Playboy Casino, boogieing at the Disco, and bargaining at the Straw Market, some of the students enjoyed a day-long visit to a deserted island, while others went on guided tours of the islands.

Adults accompaning the students were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cwayna.

1 — Downtown Bahama square.
2 — Just a few Bahama Vacationers Sue Ottenwess, Barb Lyonhall, Jim Wikering, Cheri Brunsink, Brent Nevins, Julie Hormuth, and Pat Bradley relax in the hotel lobby.
3 — Students tour a waterfall sight on Paradise Island.

"The Dramatic Duo" Bob Kennedy and Tim Cooper, perform a reading from the play, "Mr. Roberts" in the Forensics Invitational held at Jenison. Rockford finished with a third place rating.

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Spaghetti dinner! Sponsored by the RHS bands as a fund raising project.
1 — Chef Mr. Bob Brady stirs his tangy spaghetti sauce.
2 — Director, Mr. David Bass enjoys the meal.

Come one and all to the JUNIOR CARNIVAL sponsored by the junior class. All proceeds will help finance the Prom.
1 — Clowns Molly Johnson and Joy Babcock with pockets full of prizes and hands full of helium balloons, add the circus spirit to the carnival.
2 — Lisa Hutchinson paints children's faces to be clowns.
3 — The balloon blowin' bunny Pam Sheehan supplies decorations to the booths.
4 — Selling French pastries brought in the "dough" for the French Club.
5 — The FCA putting booth made the "green". Jim Bivins awaits a contestants putt.
6 — Lisa LaLonde keeps things flowing at the childrens fish pond.
7 — Diane Thomas encourages winning a teddy bear at the ring toss.
8 — Pat Bradley "draws" a crowd to the Art Club crafts booth.
9 — Julie Micho found making cotton candy to be a sticky situation.
10 — Clown Kathy Sheehan finishes some last minute preparations before the carnival begins.

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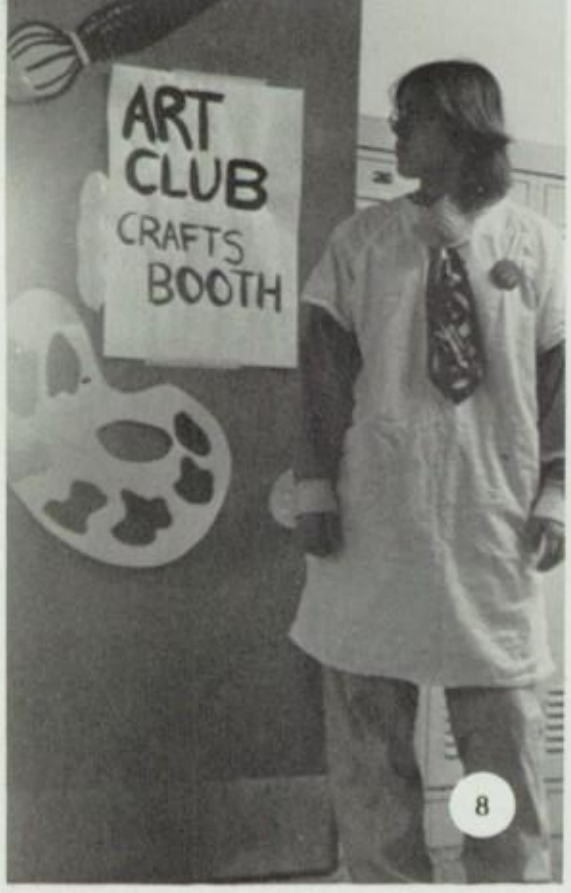

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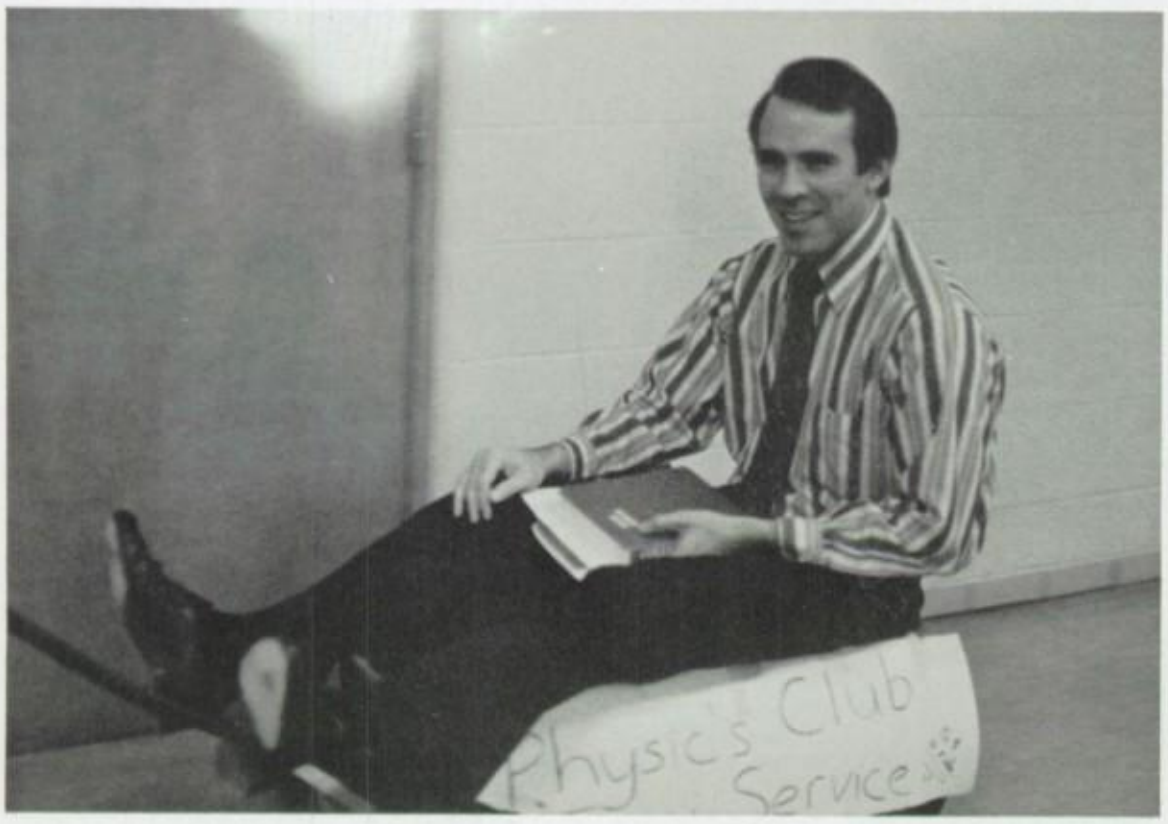
The newly formed Biology Club participates in campouts and outdoor labs. Members are: Carolyn Clawson, Kathy Lauferski, Advisor, Mr. Jerry Lyon, Ann Stacey, Matt Clum, Cindy Simpson, Nate Clum, Shelly Herremans, Doug Swider, Jim Solomon, and Martha Meek.

Mrs. Margaret Simons was promoted from RHS secretary to secretary for James F. Bale, Superintendant of schools. Mrs. Simons replaced Mrs. Boyd who retired this year. As a farewell to Mrs. Simons, the RHS faculty threw a party for her.
1 — "Mingling" at Mrs. Simons farewell.
2 — Everyone looks on as Mrs. Simons opens her gifts.



Pulled in a red wagon, equipped with a cushioned seat and "N.U.R.D." license plates, Mr. Spencer spends a nickel to save wear and tear on his "gucci" shoes by being "taxied" to class by the Physics Club taxi service.

Meterologist Bill Steffens from TV-13 presented a slide show and spoke to science students about evolution.

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After losing the annual French Club/Latin Club volleyball tournament to the Romans, members of the French Club, Karen Bancroft, Sherri Finnegan Cindy Pearson, and Sandy Posthuma drown their sorrows in strawberry shakes from McDonalds'.

Each Spring brings the new student council officers election. In the nominating assembly, candidates for offices are nominated by other prominent students in the student council.
Tracy Richards nominates Deb Trent for secretary.

Varsity Takes Fourth

The varsity baseball team finished the season tied for fourth place with Jenison.

The team started the first half of the season with a 6-0 record and sole possession of first place, but dropped seven of its last eight games to fall to fourth place.

The season was climaxed when Mark Jones held Grandville to one run as they beat the Bulldogs 3-1 in eight innings.

The teams most valuable player was J.R. Gerloski who also received the batting award and was voted all conference by the area coaches.

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1979 VARSITY BASEBALL

Rockford		Opponent
3	Godwin	5
3	Rogers	1
3	E. Kentwood	2
4	E.G.R.	2
6	G.R. Central	11
9	Cedar Springs	6
3	Northview	0
3	Jenison	1
4	West Ottawa	11
3	Rogers	8
0	Wyoming	5
8	Midland	10
1	Catholic Central	4
0	E. Kentwood	12
18	E.G.R.	12
0	Grandville	5
2	Creston	4
3	Wyoming Pk.	4
2	Northview	4
6	Grand Haven	8
2	Jenison	8
3	Grandville	1
0	W. Ottawa	11

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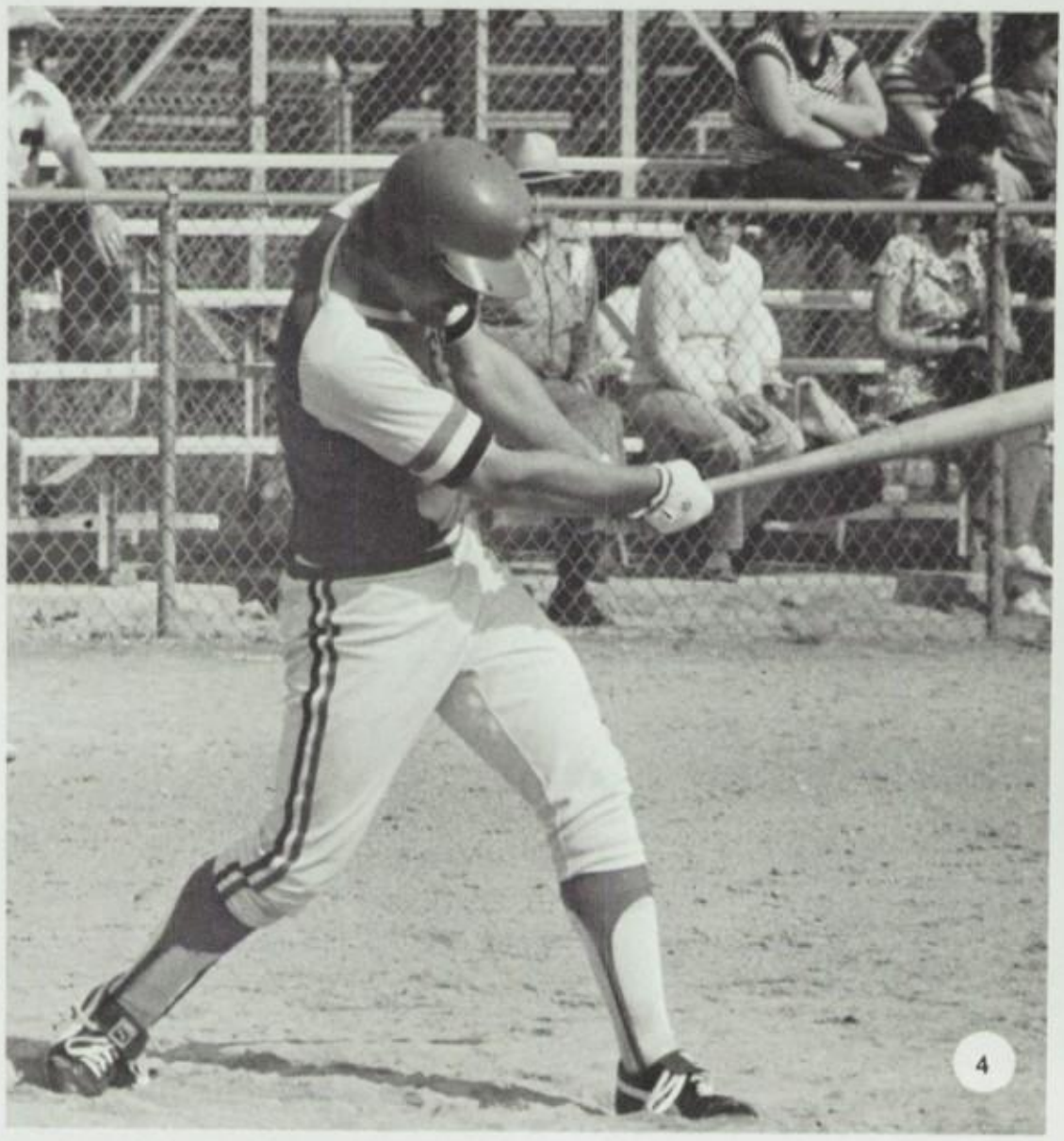
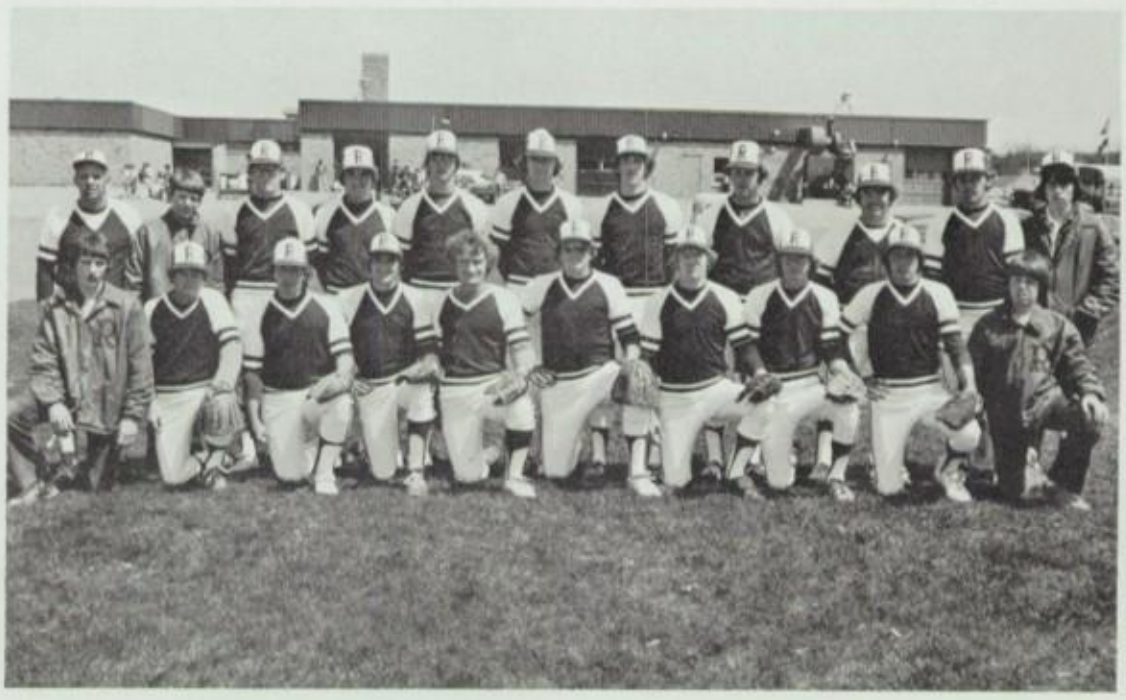
1 — Coach Harvey DeGood coached his 17th season earning a total of over 210 wins.
2 — **Varsity Baseball Front:** Mgr. Steve DeGood, Kevin Evans, Jim Taylor, Tim Anderson, Steve McKellar, Dave Polus, Andy Milanowski, Asst. Coach Kevin Casey, Mgr. Charlie Laage.
Back: Mgr. Ken DeGood, Coach Harvey DeGood, Mark Jones, Jerry Zimmerman, Dan Champion, Mike McGraw, Eric Burgoon, Jim Bivins, Doug Cole, Jim Champion, J.R. Gerloski, Mgr. Steve Blanchard.
3 — J.R. Gerloski was voted most valuable player and OK Red All Conference.
4 — Doug Cole started every conference game as catcher for the past two years.



1978 Varsity Baseball

Rockford		Opponent
10	Orchard View	6
8	Wayland	11
7	Godwin	8
3	Belding	5
5	West Ottawa	4
7	Rogers	2
2	Kentwood	1
12	Cedar Springs	2
3	Ionia	1
7	EGR	3
3	Grandville	13
9	Northview	1
6	Jenison	3
7	Wyoming Park	3
4	Catholic Central	2
4	Wayland	6
4	Kentwood	9
3	Grandville	6
5	EGR	4
13	Northview	2
1	West Ottawa	4
6	Jenison	5
1	Rogers	12
2	Creston	5



1978 VARSITY BASEBALL: FRONT: Mgr. Jeff DeWitt, Tim Anderson, J.R. Gerloski, Kevyn DeWit, Doug Cole, Tim Comee, Dick Cooper, Mike Forrest, Mike McGraw, Mgr. Roger Stelma, **BACK:** Coach Harvey DeGood, Eric Burgoon, Scott Lambert, Dan Champion, Jon Mueller, Mark Stowe, Larry Kaiser, Steve McKellar, Ralph Magoon, Mgr. Brian Markin.

JV Baseball

The 1979 JV baseball season ended with a final record of 6-13. Most valuable player was Chris Hoekstra, Most improved was Steve Palmer, and Brian Sherman led the team in hitting.

1979 JV BASEBALL: Back Row: Mike Wright, Rick Luce, Chris Hoekstra, Scott Sikkema, Pete Waters, Ron Douglas, Coach Bill Morren. **Middle Row:** Manager Tom Lovell, Robert Weaver, Gary Judis, Brian Sherman, Mark Vasilnek, John Gross. **Front Row:** Joe Wozniak, Steve Palmer, Randy Karasiewicz, Dave Dubes, Brian Healey.

Freshmen

The 1979 freshmen baseball season ended with a final record of 5-11. Leading players were Rob Lucas and Kimm Slater and most improved was Gary White.

1979 FRESHMAN BASEBALL: Back Row: Coach Rhinehart, Arnold McIntyre, Kimm Slater, Ron Chaney, Jeff Commee, Rob Lucas, Tim Saladin, Jeff Sawinski, Todd Anderson. **Middle Row:** Manager Dave Bernhardt, Bob McKee, Marty Kruizenga, John Powers, Tom Sharp, Jay Clark, Bob Scanlon, Manager. **Front Row:** Jim Mankel, Nathan Ritter, Gary White, Steve Polus, Curtis Prussner, Dave Ingraham, John Onderko.

1979 J.V. BASEBALL

ROCKFORD		OPPONENT
6	Cedar Springs	1
9	Godwin	10
3	Rogers	8
0	Kentwood	8
5	E.G.R.	10
6	Union	5
3	Northview	4
2	Jenison	3
5	West Ottawa	7
12	Rogers	4
3	Kentwood	10
4	E.G.R.	1
1	Grandville	5
4	Northview	3
1	Jenison	12
1	Grandville	9
6	Cedar Springs	1
1	Kenowa	3
2	West Ottawa	6

1978 JV BASEBALL

In the 1978 JV Baseball season, the Rams captured first place in the first Rockford sponsored JV tournament. They also took third place in the league with an overall 13-5 record. It was the season's best record.

1978 JV BASEBALL:
Back Row: Coach Bill Morren, Tim Babcock, Bob Krestakos, Jim Champion, Dan Ursal, Jerry Zimmerman, Jim Taylor, Mike Russel, Cary Chalmers, Manager Tom Lovell, Tom Commee. **Front Row:** Mark Palmer, Kevin Evans, Dave Polus, Andy Milanowski, Mark Meuser.

1979 FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Rockford		Opponent
3	Burton Jr. High	12
2	Grand Haven	7
3	W. Ottawa	7
6	Godwin	5
2	E.G.R.	4
7	Greenville	2
8	Northview	4
1	Jenison	12
7	Holland	10
10	Grand Haven	5
1	Grandville	11
9	Rogers	14
9	F.H. Central	11
1	Wayland	10

1978 FRESHMAN BASEBALL

The 1978 freshman team experienced a tough season with a final record of 1-13, losing many of the games by only one run. Leading hitters were Ron Douglas, Pete Waters, Chris Hoekstra, and most improved player was Joe Wozniak.

1978 FRESHMAN BASEBALL:
Back Row: Dave Dubes, Brian Sherman, Ron Douglas, Mike Bivins, Bill Jones, John Gross, Chris Hoekstra, Ken Carpenter, Pete Waters, Mark Vasilnek, Craig Werkema, Ed Poisson, Dave Gross. **Front Row:** Tim McKellar, John Beckett, Coach Rhinehart, Steve Pollie, Randy Karasiewicz, Joe Wozniak.

Girls 5th In State

The '79 girl's golf team placed second in Conference and third in Regionals and placed fifth in State. The most valuable player was Diane Whitman and Julie Harding was most improved. Diane also had low score of the season with a 35. The team finished the season with a record of 18 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie.

1 — Dorie Rosely concentrates on her next shot.
2 — Diane Whitman finishes another hole.
3 — **1979 GIRLS GOLF: Back Row,** Coach Phyllis King, Brenda Beardsley, Becky Young, Beth Dettmer, Trixie Brunsink, Diane Whitman, Cherie Brunsink. **Front Row,** Dorie Rosely, Sherry Moore, Laura Gross, Jill Spencer, Sue Miller, Julie Harding.

1979 GIRLS GOLF

ROCKFORD	OPPONENT	
5	Central Montcalm	0
4	Forest Hills Central	1
3	Jenison	2
5	West Ottawa	0
5	Rogers	0
5	Belding	0
5	Ionia	0
4	Northview	1
0	East Grand Rapids	5
3	Kentwood	2
3½	Grandville	1½
5	West Ottawa	0
5	Jenison	0
3½	F.H. Northern	1½
4	Rogers	1
4	Northview	1
2½	E.G.R.	2½
5	Grandville	0
4½	Kentwood	½
1st	Regionals	
2nd	Conference	
8th	State Finals	

1978 GIRLS GOLF

ROCKFORD	OPPONENT	
4	F.H. Central	1
4½	Northview	½
5	West Ottawa	0
1	Jenison	4
5	Grandville	0
3½	Kenowa Hills	1½
5	Central Montcalm	0
2½	E.G.R.	2½
5	Rogers	0
5	Kentwood	0
5	Grand Haven	0
5	West Ottawa	0
4½	Northview	½
1½	Jenison	3½
5	Grandville	0
4	Greenville	1
3	E.G.R.	2
5	Rogers	0
5	Kentwood	0
4½	Caledonia	½
½	F.H. Northern	4½
5	Belding	0

1978 GIRLS GOLF:
The '78 girl's golf team placed first in Regionals, second in Conference and eighth in State.

1978 GIRLS GOLF:
Left to right: Coach Lynn Deptula, Trixie Brunsink, Diane Whitmen, Radene Rosely, Kim Olsen, Dorie Rosely, and Cherie Brunsink.

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1978 BOYS TENNIS
The 1978 boys tennis team finished 4th in conference. Number 1 singles player was Mark Brown and number 2 was Jeff Ham.

1978 BOYS TENNIS, 1 — Front Row: Brian Dolph, Reed Simpson, Tom Reynolds, Tom Owen, Tom Baughman, George Bera, **Back Row:** Coach Mike Holton, Mark Brown, Dave Eckelsdafer, Jeff Ham, Chuck Befus, Brian Post, Phil Korest, Doug Brink, Scott Leistner

Brown, Ham Lead Team

The 1979 season was filled with excitement, great expectations and some disappointments. Conference was given its best shot coming up in 6th place. Outstanding racqueteer singles included Senior Mark Brown and Senior Jeff Ham. Number 1 doubles included Takeshi Maki and Barry Cole. The varsity netters ended with a 4-9 season mark.

2 — **1979 BOYS TENNIS**
Front Row: Howard Baughman, Barry Cole, Takeshi Maki, Jeff Davies, Tom Baughman
Back Row: Coach Tom Finch, Jim Douglas, Mark Brown, Jeff Ham, Chuck Befus, George Bera, Dave Eckelsdafer, John Pierce
3 — Coach Tom Finch smiles after a victory win.
4 — Barry Cole was number one singles player.
5 — First singles player was senior Mark Brown.
6 — Number three singles player was Chuck Befus.
7 — Senior Jeff Ham was number two singles player.

1979 BOYS TENNIS

ROCKFORD		OPPONENT
1	Sparta	6
1	Belding	6
5	Union	2
6	Lowell	1
6	Rogers	1
2	Greenville	5
1	E.G.R.	6
0	Grandville	7
0	Kentwood	7
4	Northview	3
3	Jenison	4
0	West Ottawa	7
2	F.H. Central	5
6th place	Conference	

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Softball Captures Districts

The '79 Ram softball team won a district championship before bowing in regional competition to Kalamazoo Central. The Rams finished the OK Red season in fourth place.

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1 — Daine Kurant was selected all-conference catcher.
2 — Senior Sandy Preston handled the second base position for the Rams after Lori injured her hand.
3 — Lori Ketchum was the leading hitter until suffering a hand injury.
4 — Sophomore Jackie Mueller led the Rams in pitching and tossed a one-hitter against Grand Haven in the districts.
5 — 1979 SOFTBALL, Front Row; Diane Kurant, Keiko Furuta, Lynn Ketchum, Diane Rusche, Mary Frodl, Sue Stelma, Tracie Bice. **Second Row:** Katie Mawby, Pat Bradley, Marcia Konkle, Julie Janicki, Esther Fessenden, Laurie Ketchum. **Third Row:** Jackie Mueller, Pam Crapsey, Brenda Weston, Cindy Laage, Sandy Preston, Joni Wood, Coach Konkle.

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1978 GIRLS SOFTBALL:
The 1978 softball team ended with a 6-19 record. Most valuable player was Diane Kurant.

1978 SOFTBALL: Standing: Assistant Coach Bob Eggleston, Lori Ketchum, Sandy Preston, Cindy Laage, Chris Eggleston, Cindy Hill, Jean Rothwell, Marcia Konkle, Manager Kim Lindhout, Sandy Douglas, Manager Jill Roberts, Coach Terry Konkle. **Kneeling:** Julie Livingston, Diane Kurant, Lynn Ketchum, Sue Stelma, Denise Navarre, Amy Babcock, Sue Savara, Vicki Miller. **Not pictured:** Katrina Riness, Michelle Roberts.

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1979 SOFTBALL

Rockford		Opponents
6	Rogers	9
15	Kentwood	11
6	East GR	3
30	Greenville	3
11	Northview	5
10	Jenison	0
2	West Ottawa	6
10	Rogers	11
11	Kentwood	17
15	East GR	16
14	Grandville	4
3	Northview	6
13	Jenison	8
11	Grandville	3
7	West Ottawa	3
6	Grand Haven	5
Pre-Districts		
16	Muskegon	1
4	Holland	1
Districts		
11	Grand Haven	1
10	West Ottawa	9
Regionals		
2	Kalamazoo	5

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1978-79 JV Softball

The 1979 J.V. softball team finished the season with a 6-8 win-lose record. The team was coached by Ms. Mary Kapetyn. Lisa Wolbrink was voted Most Valuable by the team at the end of the year.

1 — **The 1979 JV Softball Team: Front Row:** Lisa Wolbrink, Liz Kleefish, Lora Burgoon, Nancy Frodl, Sue Draper, Lynne Azkoul, Monica Zwaitowski, Chris Hill, Manager Barb Beemer. **Back Row:** Coach Mary Kapetyn, Nancy Bradly, Lisa Douglas, Carol Bamford, Denee Wilson, Lisa Burgoon, Dawn Grant, Sue Wood, Amber Tetzlaff, Judy Takens, Cheryl Frampton.
2 — Lynne Azkoul makes a catch.

1979 JV SOFTBALL

Rockford		Opponent
7	Rogers	22
12	Wyoming	14
18	E.G.R.	20
10	Wayland	27
15	Northview	14
17	Jenison	11
20	W. Ottawa	10
14	Rogers	9
23	E.G.R.	19
12	Grandville	18
10	Northview	0
8	Jenison	9
13	Grandville	15
12	W. Ottawa	20

1978 JV Softball: Front Row: Mary Frondl, Norma Huttenga, Lisa Wolbrink, Lisa Burgoon, Cheryl Frampton, Diane Rusche, Nancy Frodl, Carolyn Clawson. **Middle Row:** Sandy Lindquist, Jackie Mueller, Lora Burgoon, Sue Wood, Chris Hill, Sue Draper, Carole Brown. **Back Row:** Pam Crapsey, Brenda Weston, Esther Fessenden, Joanne Paleczy, Alice Hart, Ronnie Rewa, Michelle May, Barb Beemer, Monica Zawistowski, Coach Starlene Williams.

The 1978 boys' track team, coached by John Schrolec, ended the season with a 2-8 record in the O-K Red Division. Jim VanderBos broke the high jump record with a 6 feet 1 inch jump. The medley relay team set a new record of 11:02.

1978 Boys Track: Front Row, Neal Streeter, Mark LeBlanc, Mike Mankel, Bill Osborn, Jim Solomon, Joe Deering, Doug Swider, Steve Kurtz, Dennis Watkins, Scott Modzeleski, Glenn Gelderbloom, Timm Streeter. **Second Row:** Todd Bittenbender, Jim Onderko, Bruce Osborn, Tim Fiebig, Art Vandenwyngard, Marty VanDyke, Rod Krebs, Mike Jacobs, Ron Krebs, Kurt Kemph, Jim Stratton, Dan Wozniak, Jim VanderBos, Ron Thomas. **Third Row:** Don Lamos, Ernie Lawrence, Chuck Beale, Glenn Swider, Dave Jerrils, Matt Welden, Dave Hart, Aric Stacey, Jim Bivins, Russ Cox, Dan Hart, Joe Karasiewicz, Breet Anthony, Craig Milewski, Dan Slater. **Fourth Row:** Ron Varnagatus, Joe Hart, Scott Smith, Mark Henshaw, Scott Weston, Bill Fegel, Eric Tremlin, Roger Herrington, Steve Kitler, Matt Nevins, Mike Sinclair, John Spalding, Andy Jansma, Ron Thomas. **Last Row:** Chuck Morse, Roger Radeck, Mike Whitman, Scott Gaul, Gary Smith, Ron Breimayer, Ken Axdorff, Rick Peterson, Kelly Glynn.

The 1978 Girl's Track Team: Front Row: Lois Karasiewicz, Sue Mancewicz. **Second Row:** Pam Vogler, Sue Ottenwess, Rita Ault, Karen Mitchell. **Third Row:** Julie Micho, Bonnie Pitsch, Deb Trent, Shelly Johnson, Lisa Hutchison, Sherry Fox. **Fourth Row:** Jenny Graves, Lisa Lalonde, Michelle Miller, Heidi Stuart, Daphne Fletcher, Michelle Streeter, Doreen Hulst, Chris Radeck, Deb Pedley. **Fifth Row:** Sue Dow, Teresa Grant, Amy Spykerman, Joy Babcock, Amy Cheadle, Bev Krebs, Michelle Cook, Sue Clymer, Jane Stratton, Carrie Hall, Laura Darmiento, Kathy Saltz. **Back Row:** Coach Walter Lawrence.

Boys Track Ends 4th

After practicing many long, hard hours the 1979 track team, coached by Mr. John Shrolec, ended their season with a 4 win, 3 loss record, giving them a 4th place finish in conference.

The mile relay team of Brian Graves, Mike Jacobs, Scott Weston, and Brian Dolph, set a new school record of 3:29.2. Mike Jacobs, voted most valuable player, also set a new school record of 38.5 in the 330 low hurdles.

The most improved award went to Brian Kaiserlain. Brian Dolph was elected toughest competitor and Gary Fisher was voted top JV performer.

1 — Bryan Nevins and Don Lamos keep up the pace in the mile run.
2 — Brian Graves gives it all he's got in the mile relay
3 — Neil Streeter demonstrates his record setting technique in the long jump.
4 — Dan Ursul pushes it to a first place finish.
5 — Mike Jacobs successfully clears the high jump bar.
6 — Scott Weston, junior, gets ready to hurl the discus.
7 — **1979 Boys Track: First Row:** Brian Dolph, Dan Ursul, Barry Bernhart, Bill Fegal, Joe Karasiewicz, Neil Streeter, Lee Fisher, Brian Kaiserlain, Greg Wingerter, Mike Sinclair, Chuck Beale, Gary Fisher. **Second Row:** Rich Armstrong, Mark Armstrong, Glenn Gerner, Bruce Osborn, Ron Thomas, Dan DeVries, Eric Stacey, Glenn Gelderbloom, Craig Milewski, Rich Benham, Steve Tanner. **Third Row:** Chuck Besemer, Jeff Weyerman, Steve VanDyke, Steve Bradley, Chris Gelderbloom, Eric Conrad, Dave Armstrong, Richie Bruse, Ken Champion, Matt Sallee, Kevin Baker, Vic Ackerman, Jim Harrington. **Fourth Row:** Tim Stein, Gary Smith, Brent Nevins, Mark Henshaw, Bryan Nevins, Tim Babcock, Andy Jansma, Brad Baker, Bob Krestakos, Mr. Srholec.

1979 BOYS TRACK

Rockford	Opponent	
70	Rogers	62
66	East Kentwood	68
66	E.G.R.	68
72	Grandville	60
119	Northview	13
68	Jenison	64
23	West Ottawa	109
Sparta Relays		2nd
Godwin Relays		6th
West Ottawa Relays		8th

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Clymer Leads Team

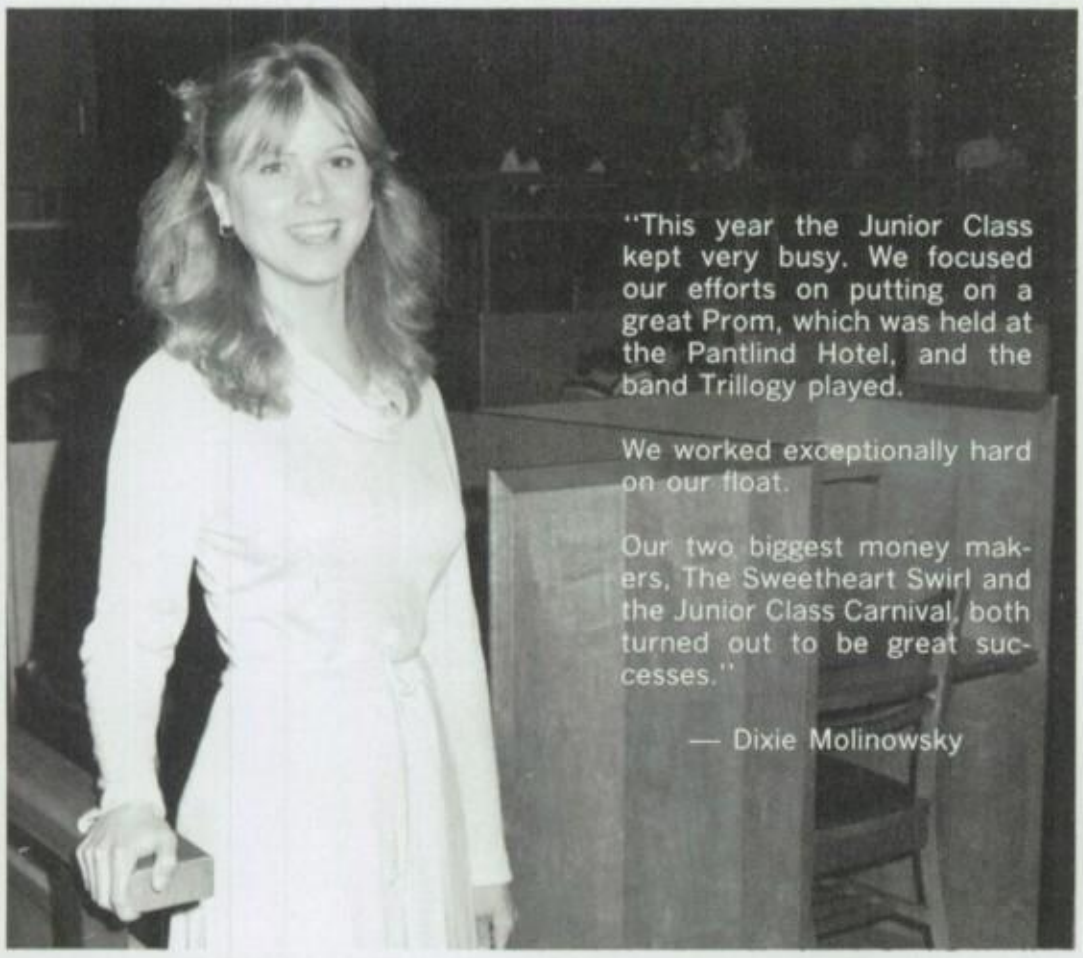
Carolyn Clymer led the 1979 track team to a 4 win 3 loss record in the OK Red Division. Carolyn was voted most valuable runner, competing in the 220-low hurdles, and high jump.

Sherry Fox was voted Most Improved by teammates, and the best 9th grade performer was Deb Cook. Walt Lawrence and Eric Warren coached the girls.

1 — Dorene Hulst runs to victory against Grandville.
2 — Sherry Fox and Laura Darmiento make the big hand-off in practice.
3 — **1979 GIRLS TRACK, Front Row:** Carrie Hall, Carolyn Clymer, Michelle Miller. **Second Row:** Cindy Hill, Dawn Sallee. **Third Row:** Glenna Boggs, Chris Radeck, Bonnie Pitsch, Doreen Hulst, Julie Micho, Laura Darmiento. **Fourth Row:** Pam Vogler, Michelle Streeter, Jo Ellen Shellen, Sherry Fox, Dicksie Miller, Deb Cook. **Fifth Row:** Rita Ault, Beth Stacey, Tracy Morris, Peggy Taylor, Becky Davies, Mary Walters. **Sixth Row:** Lisa Boggs, Tammy Hawthorne, Laura Jones, Rosemary Ault.

GIRLS TRACK

Rockford		Opponent
109	Rogers	16
3rd	Wolverine Relays	
71	Kentwood	52
90	E.G.R.	32
56	Grandville	67
61	Northview	62
10th	Kenowa Hills Relay	
64	Jenison	59
44	West Ottawa	79
3rd	Northview Relays	
4th	Conference	

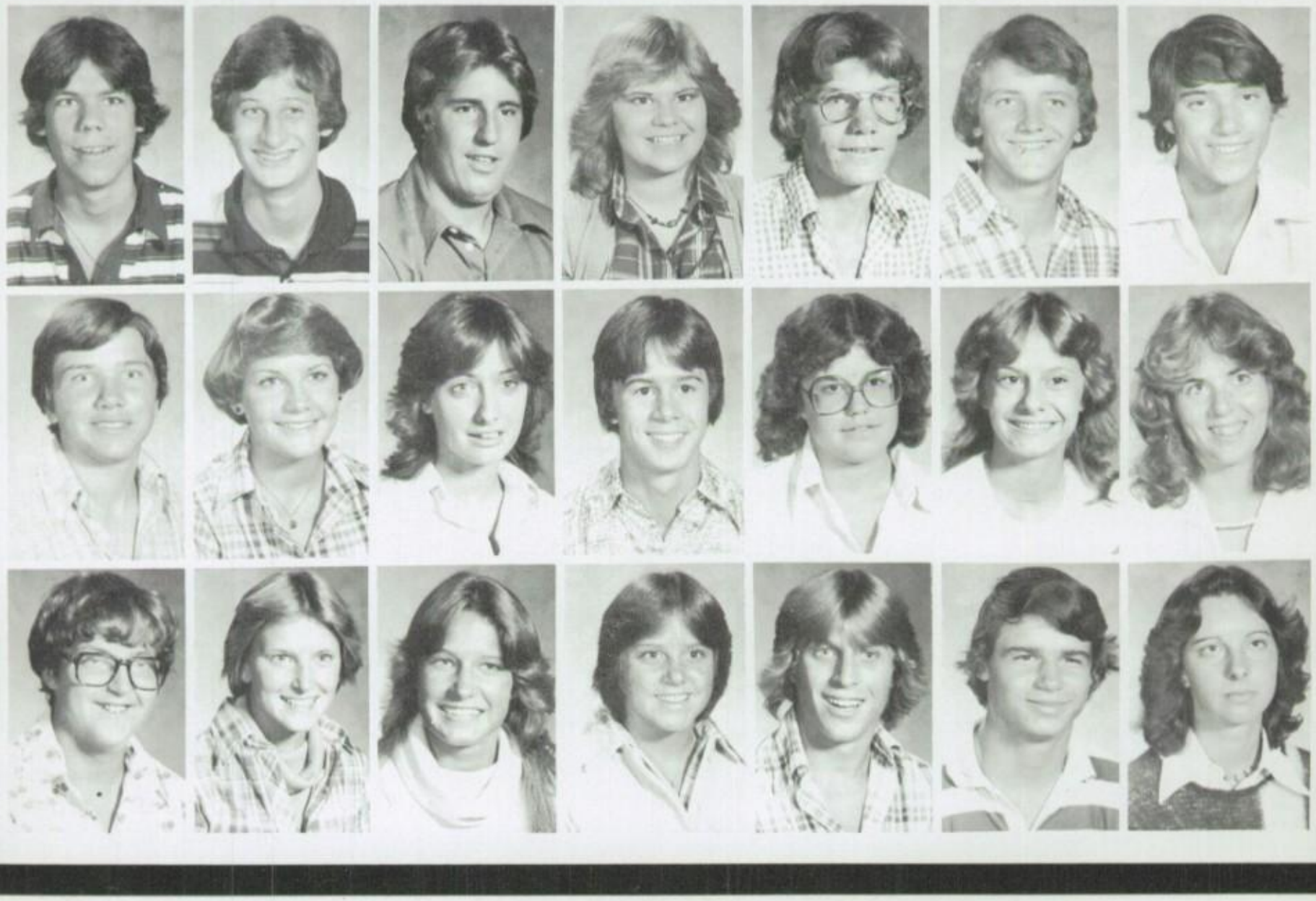


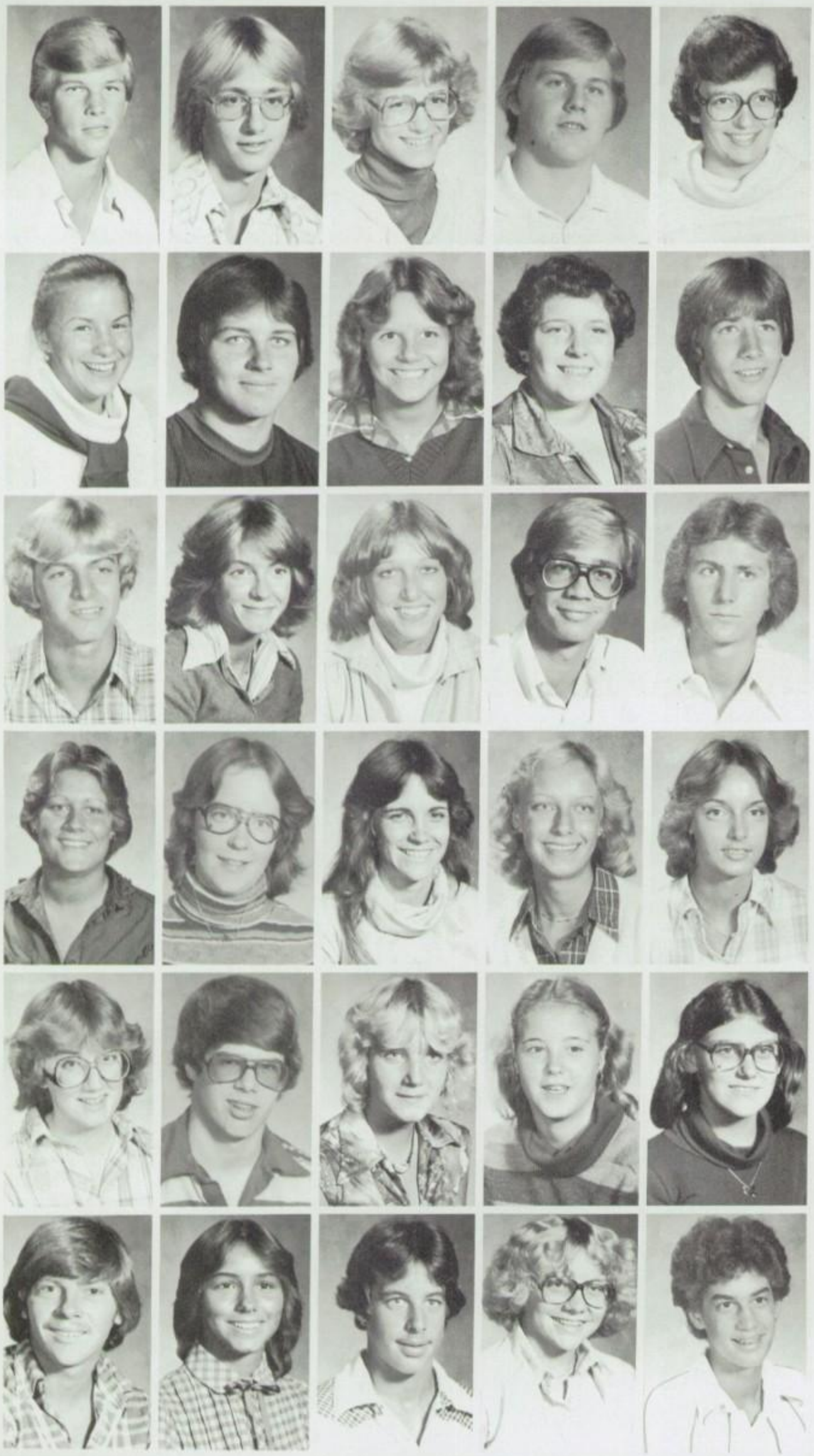
"This year the Junior Class kept very busy. We focused our efforts on putting on a great Prom, which was held at the Pantlind Hotel, and the band Trillogy played.

We worked exceptionally hard on our float.

Our two biggest money makers, The Sweetheart Swirl and the Junior Class Carnival, both turned out to be great successes."

— Dixie Molinowsky





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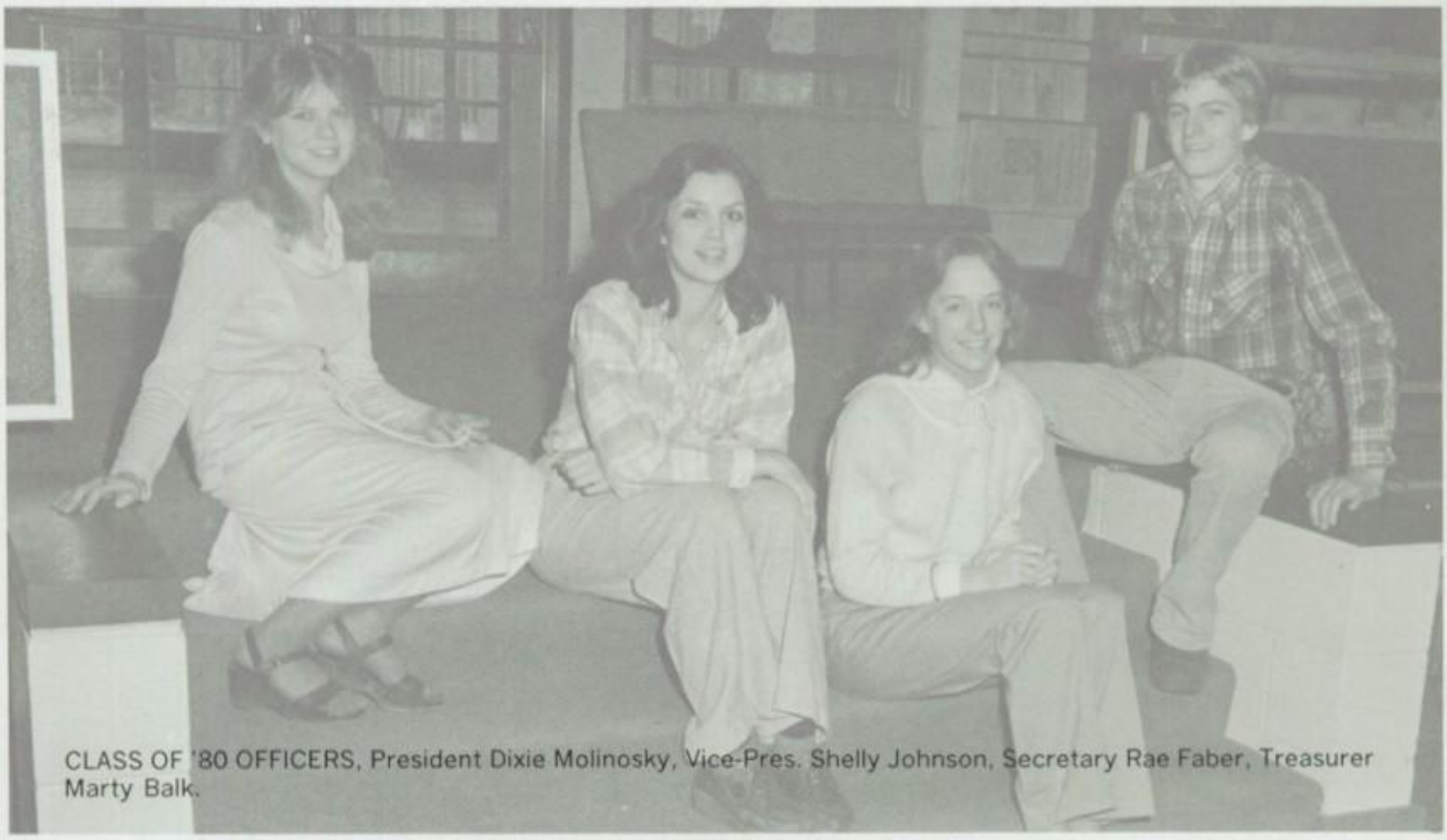

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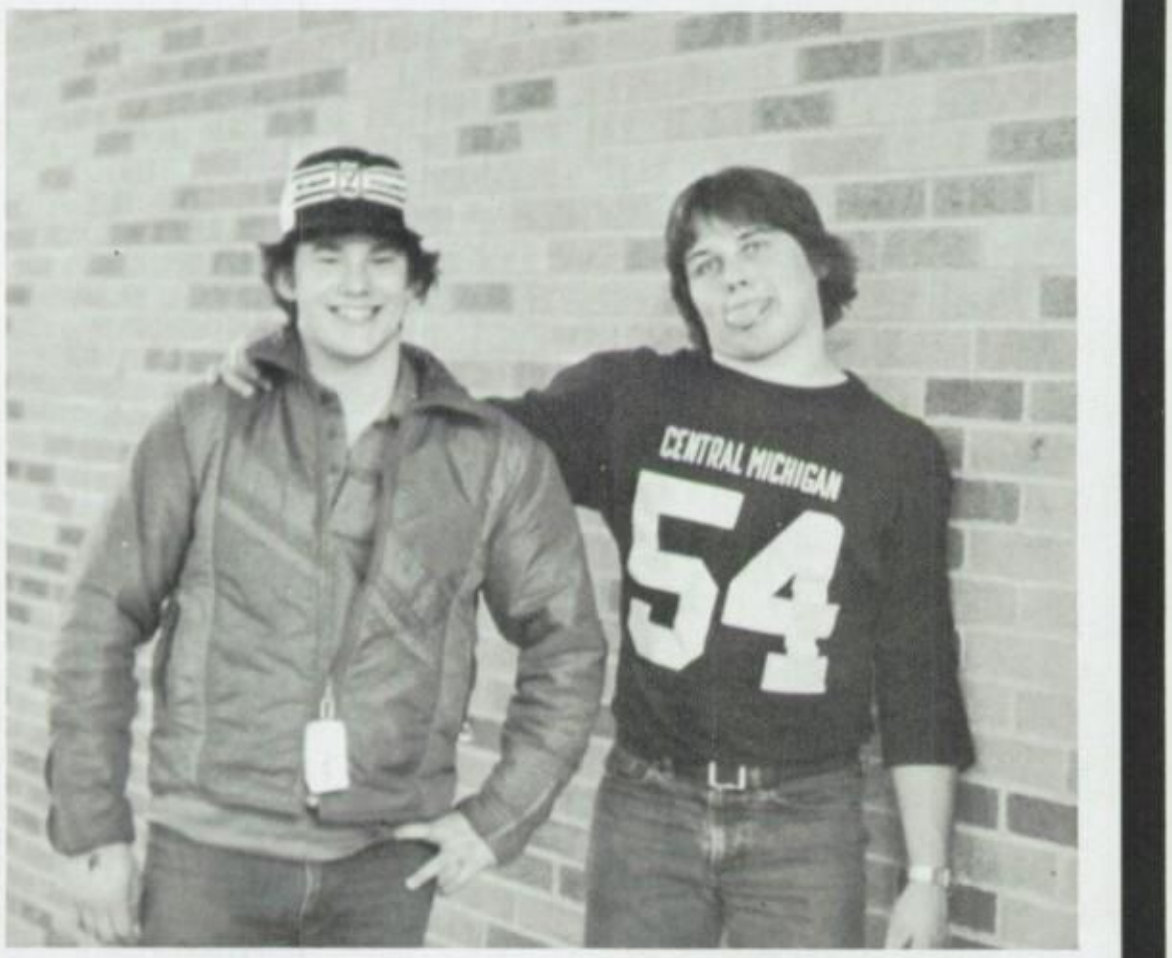
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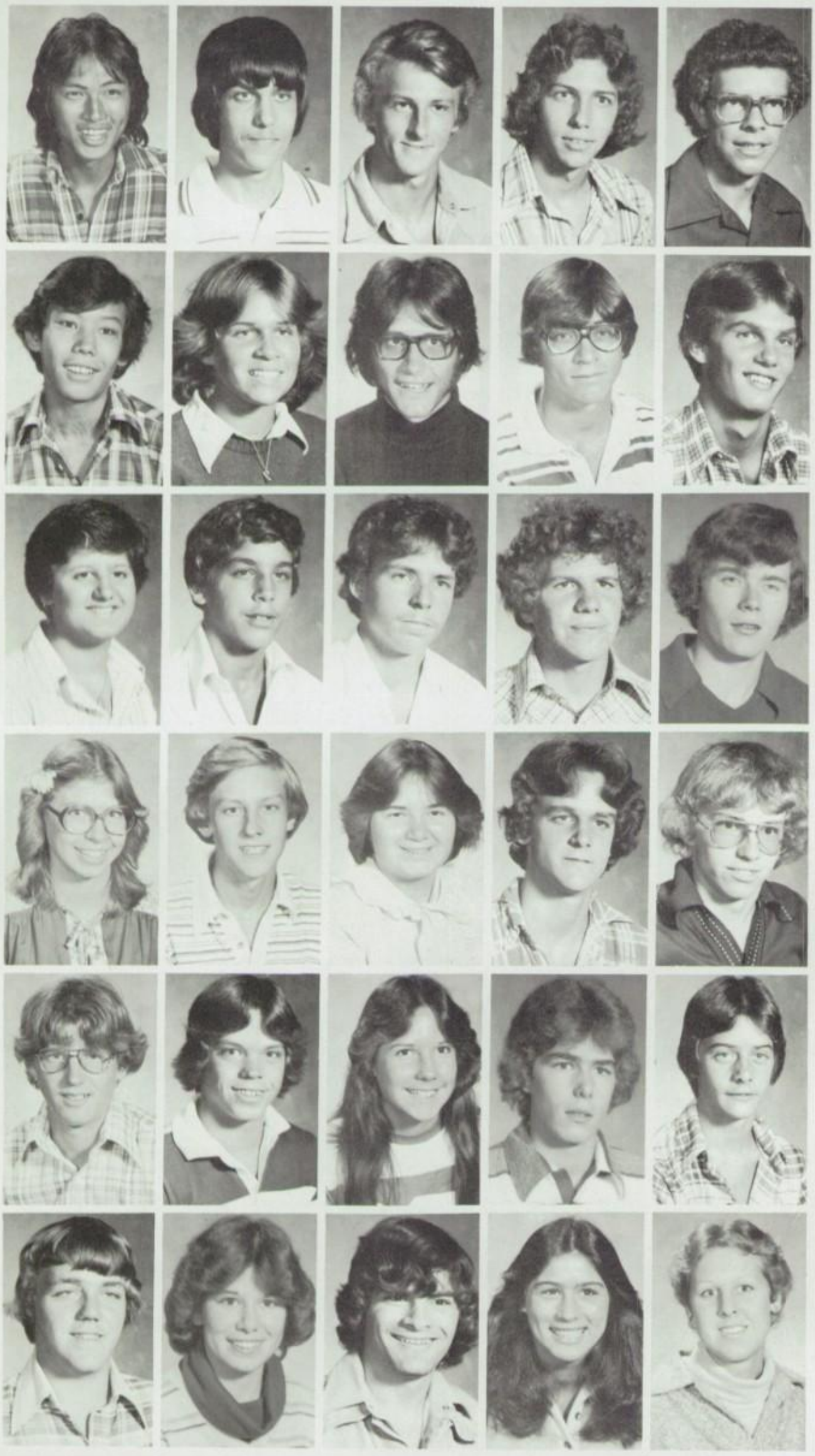

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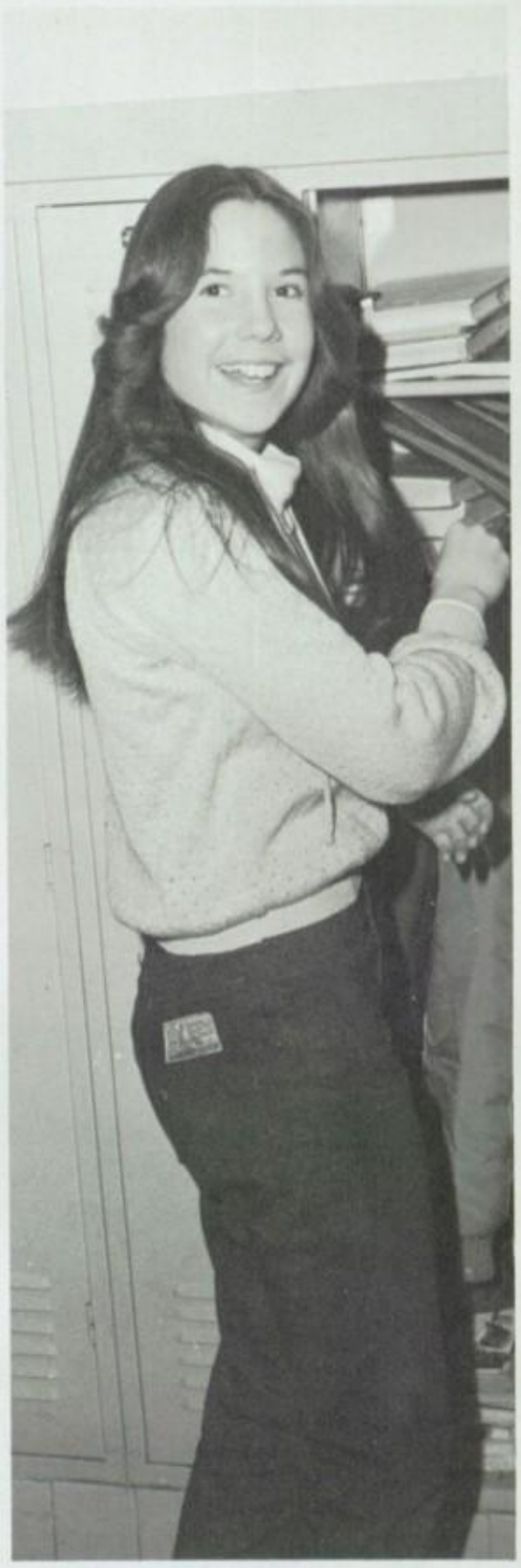

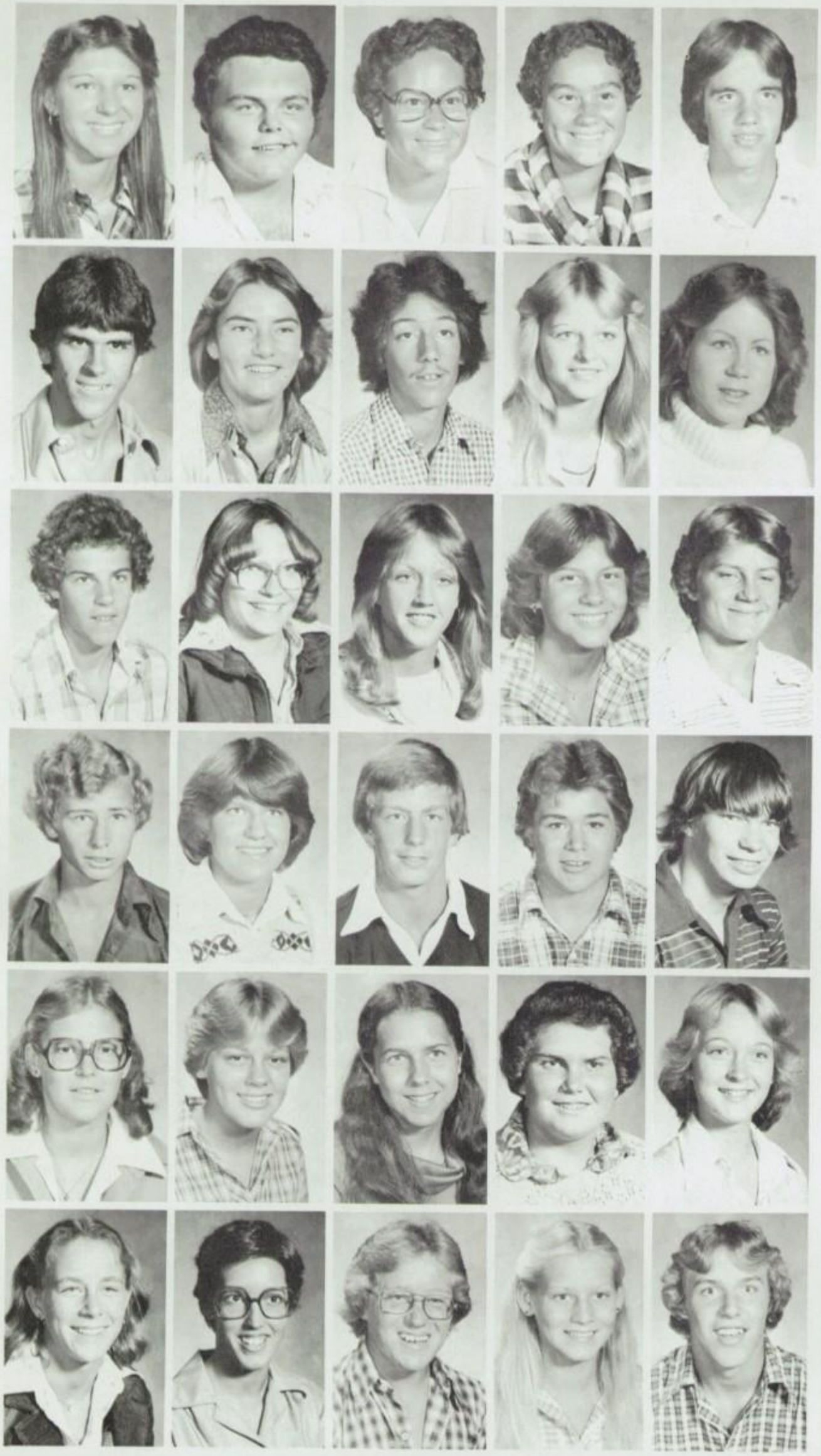

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Scott Schafer, Lynn Scheidel, Steve Scheidel, Steve Schueller, Ken Schulz, Regina Sevelen, Pam Sheehan, Kathy Sheldon, Jim Shiels

Cindy Simpson, Mike Sinclair, Kim Sittser, Judy Skeels, Allan Smelik, Dawn Smith, Scott Smith, Kraig Snyder, Jim Solomon

Todd Sonke, Amy Spykerman, Ann Stacey, Aric Stacey, Lisa Stadt, Sharon Stephens, Cindy Stevenson, Sally Stowe, Maribeth Stuthard

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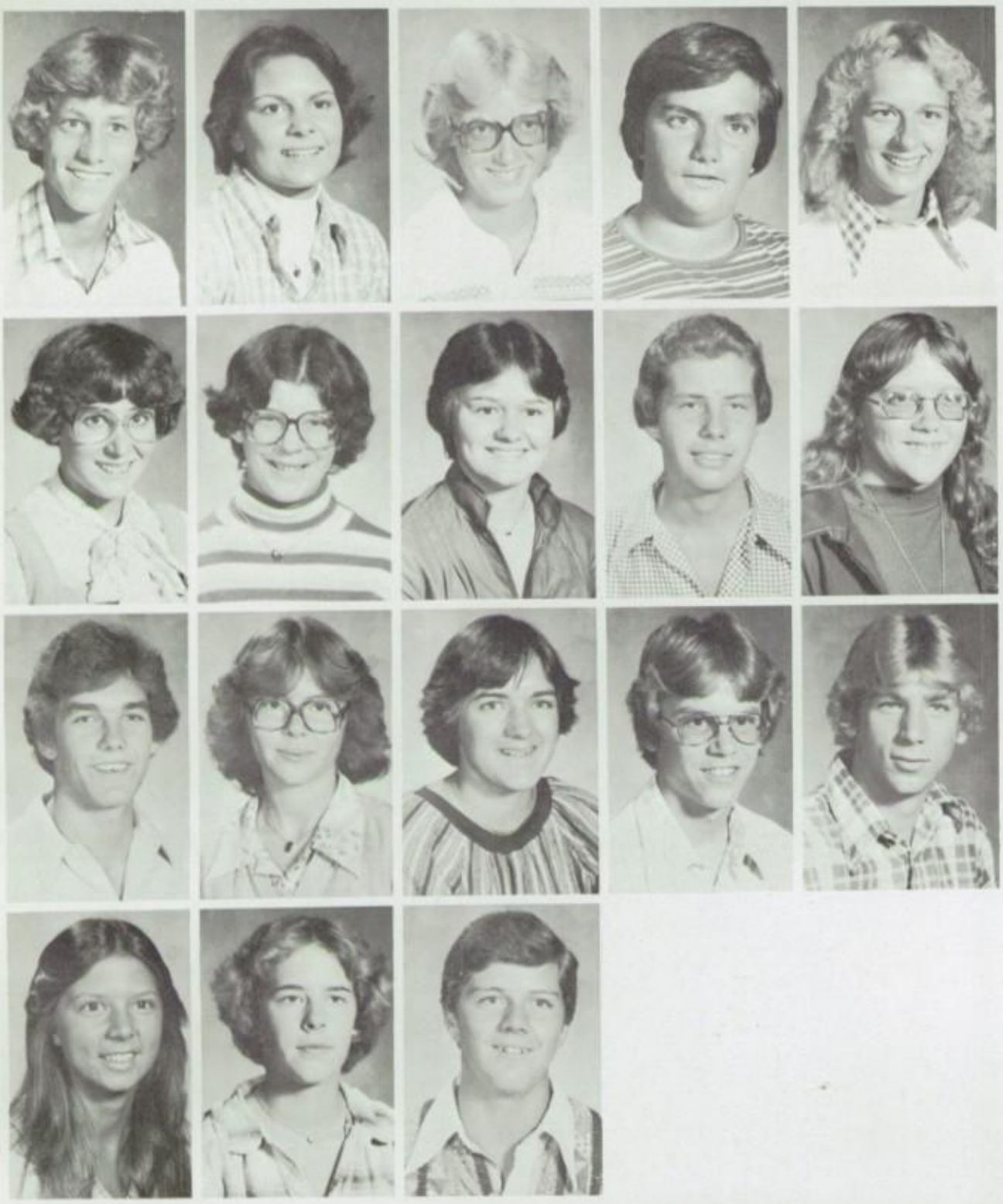

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Scott Weldon, Rick Westcott, Scott Weston, Cindy Weyerman, Leslie Whitman, Jim Wickering, Dave Wilson

Lorrie Wing, Jon Wolthuis, Joni Wood, Arnold Woods, Lynn Yakes, Jim Young, Sandra Young, Bethann Zattlin, Tracy Ziebarth, Gerry Zimmerman

SUMMER!

"Doctor, do I have to keep repeating myself? Harvey is a rabbit, a big white rabbit, six feet tall . . . or is it six feet and a half . . . heaven knows I ought to know! He's been around the house long enough . . . The spring play "Harvey" was presented May 10, 11, and 12. It was directed by Marian Sakalauskas. Sets were constructed by Dr. Sakalauskas. Mrs. Sakalauskas commented: "The cast and crew were great! They worked **very** hard to give the audience a quality production. We had a great time too!

1 — Elwood P. Dowd (Tim Cooper) introduces Mrs. Chauvenet (Kelley Ivie) to "Harvey", as Myrtle Mae (Lisa Hutchinson) and Veta Louise Simons (Janet Judis) look on.

2 — Mrs. Veta Louise Simons as portrayed by Janet Judis.

3 — Doctor Sanderson diagnoses Mrs. Simons.

4 — Performing a skit in Expo '79, Dr. Sanderson (Kevin Evans) and Dr. Chumley (Dave Degler).

The annual FFA "swap-nite" held May 9 invited everyone to come and swap or buy items — everything from tents to cupcakes!
1 — Cheri Brunsink takes inventory.
2 — Quality tents were also for sale!

15 RHS students along with 2 teachers participated in the Annual "Close-up" trip to Washington D.C., where they spent a week exploring the government close up through talks, tours, seminars, discussions, and individual and group activities. Besides doing an indepth study of the government and making many new friends. The week also included an evening at Burn Brae Dinner Theatre in Maryland; a pizza night; an evening tour; a free day; and was concluded with a formal banquet and dance.
1 — Joan Shier, Lydia Straw, Karen Paul, and Kathy Faber rest on the Capital steps.

Exposure '79 the annual literary arts festival was held at the Junior High. Each year students and community members are able to "expose themselves" and their artistic, musical and literary talents.
1 — Monica Zawistowski performs a solo during the concert bands' recital.
2 — Art students Lynn Rosier and Julie Hurley learn the techniques involved in graphic printing.

The 1979 Senior Breakfast was held at Adrians Ramona Terrace. This is one of the last times Seniors are assembled. Along with breakfast, the class mock elections and "remember whens" were announced.
1 — Senior guys constructed a pyramid of juice glasses.
2 — A group of senior girls enjoy their breakfast.
3 — Attendance filled the excess reservations.

Two Tickets To Paradise

Attention all junior and senior guys, this is your last chance to ask your favorite girl to the 1979 Junior-Senior Prom to be held May 19 in the Bank Room of the Pantlind Hotel.

"Trilogy", a three piece disco-rock band will be the featured entertainment.

Live plants, running water fountains, and glittering stars hanging from the ceiling will set the atmosphere for the theme "Two Tickets to Paradise". The Prom is sponsored by the junior class.
1 — Jim Mull escorts his date into "Prom Paradise."
2 — It truly was paradise, especially during a slow number!
3 — Sue Ingraham and date "slow dancin' swaying to the music"
4 — "Trilogy" was the featured entertainment.

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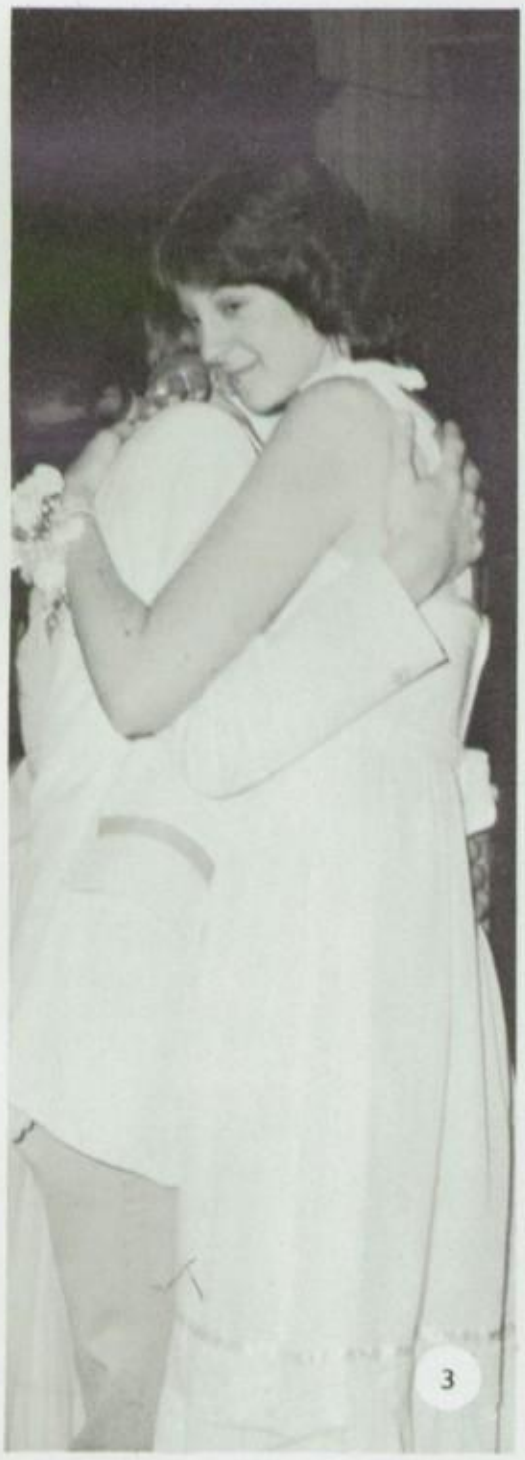
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A Dream Fulfilled!!

On June 7, 1979 in the Rockford High School gymnasium, a dream was fulfilled for 342 seniors, their parents, and their families as the 1979 graduation commencement ceremony began.

Spirits were high, as was the temperature, and even though it rained, spirits were not dampened.

Principal Wilbur Sinclair started the ceremony and introduced the senior class president and mistress of ceremonies Linda Roberts, who spoke and introduced Salutatorian Kathy Millering and Valedictorian Jenny Pitsch.

Reverend Spencer of Bythfield Baptist Church gave the invocation and prayer.

Diploma cases were presented to the graduates by Principal Wilbur Sinclair, Assistant principal Clint Lindhout and Superintendant James F. Bale.

As the seniors insisted, the ceremony was dedicated to all fellow classmates who have passed away. They are Jim Reynolds, Gene Wainwright, Randy Blumke, Rick Armstrong, and Denise Farmer. This was the largest class ever to graduate from Rockford. As the ceremony concluded, Linda Roberts stated, "Ladies and gentlemen I present to you, the senior class of 1979!" At that, 342 firecrackers sounded, confetti and caps filled the air, and the band played its final verse of "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduating class of 1979 left the gymnasium ready to meet the world and its challenge.

1 — "Look out world here we come!" says Kay Frodl and Dick Johnson.
2 — The graduates await to receive their diplomas.
3 — John Prussner at last! Give it to me!
4 — As the ceremony begins the crowd awaits the seniors' arrival.
5 — Chuck Befus escorts Melissa Gerner into the gym.
6 — 342 firecrackers sounded the finality of the graduation.
7 — Mistress of ceremonies, Linda Roberts makes her speech.
8 — Randy Darrah and Anne Madsen "can't believe its finally here!"
9 — Seniors Carrie Hall, Diane Whitman, Jane Miller, and Matt Weldon they said a mouthful!

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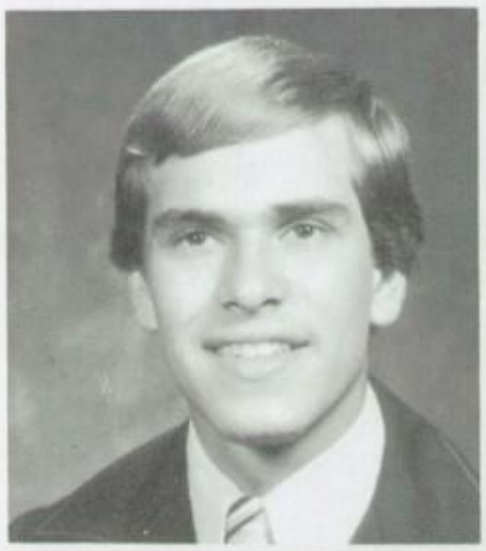
Dawn Marie Allen
Kari L. Anderson
Timothy Russell Anderson
Jane Ellen Appell



Brian D. Ashley
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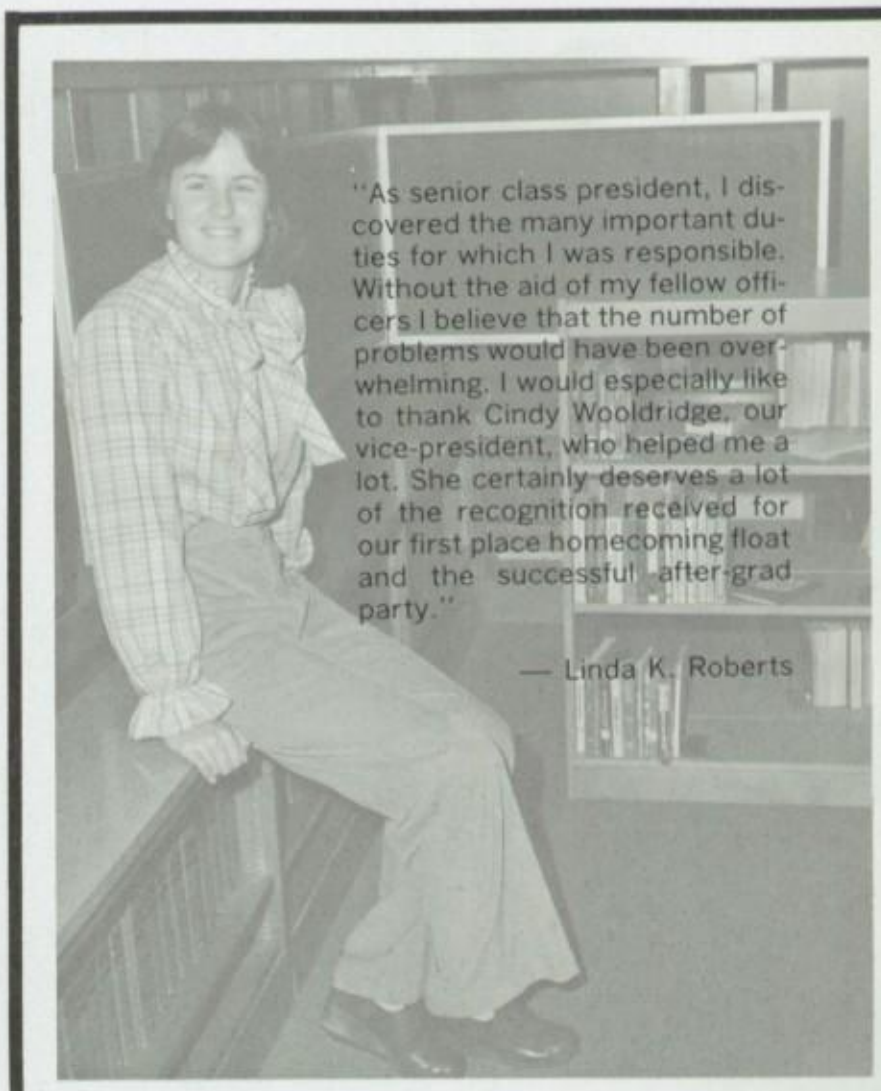

"As senior class president, I discovered the many important duties for which I was responsible. Without the aid of my fellow officers I believe that the number of problems would have been overwhelming. I would especially like to thank Cindy Wooldridge, our vice-president, who helped me a lot. She certainly deserves a lot of the recognition received for our first place homecoming float and the successful after-grad party."

— Linda K. Roberts

Karen Diane Bancroft
Edward John Baniukaitis
Pamela Jean Barker
David A. Barnett
Rose Marie Barr
Dean Raymond Bartholomew
Jeffrey R. Bartholomy

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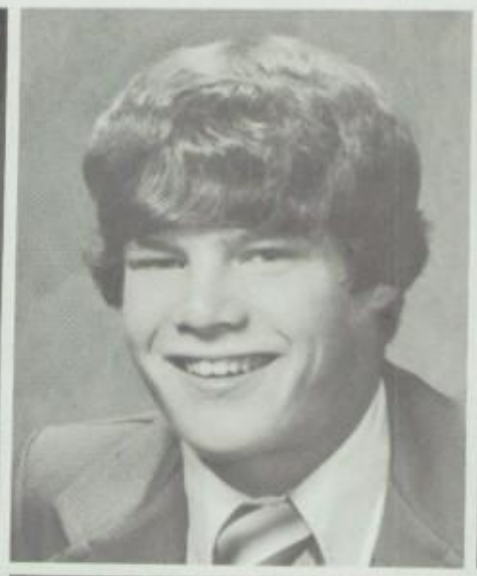

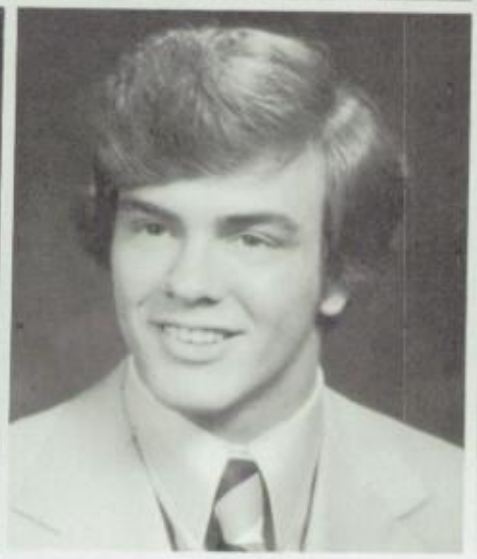

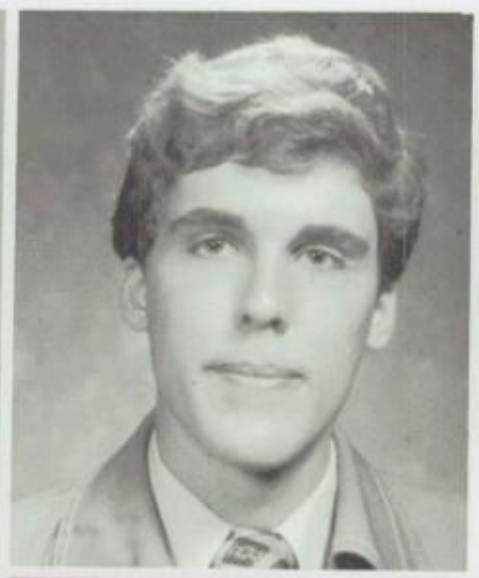

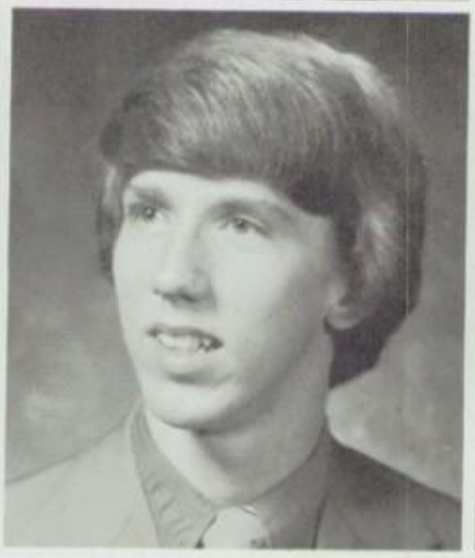

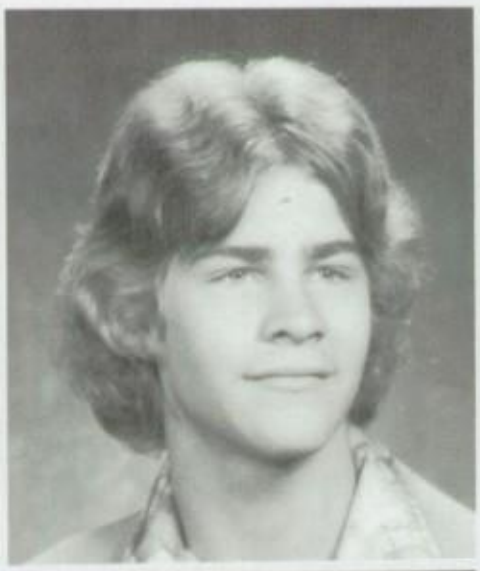

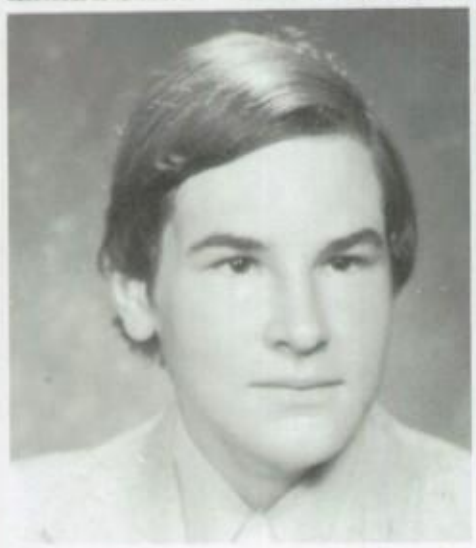
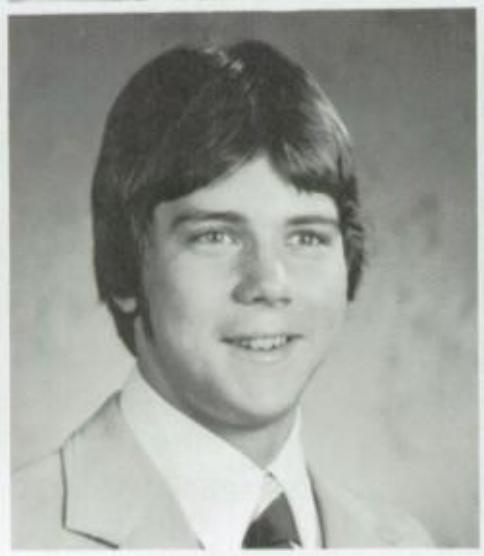

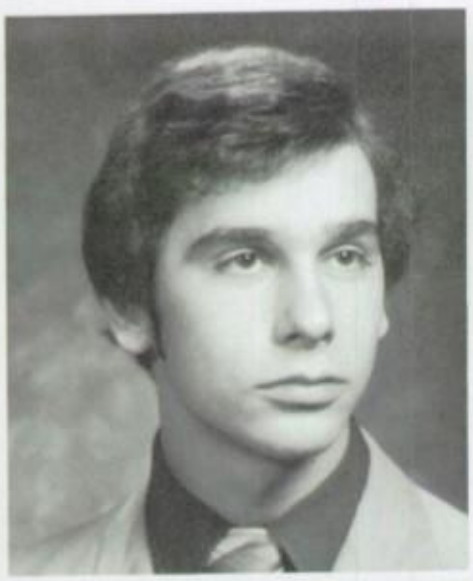

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Mary Jane Bomers
James R. Bonner Jr.

Lee Theodore Bosch
Rex A. Boughton
Joan Marie Bouwkamp
Randy R. Bowman
Laurie Esther Boyer
Brenda Lee Brace
Patricia Irene Bradley

The 1979 Valedictorian of RHS is Jennifer R. Pitsch, based on having the highest grade point average over her four years at RHS.

Kathleen Marie Millering, with the second highest grade point average is the 1979 Salutatorian.

Gordon J. Bredow
Ronald Martin Breimayer
Mary S. Brow
Mark A. Brown

Cherie Ann Brunsink
Janice Kay Buhr
Eric Scott Burgoon
Nancy Jane Burns

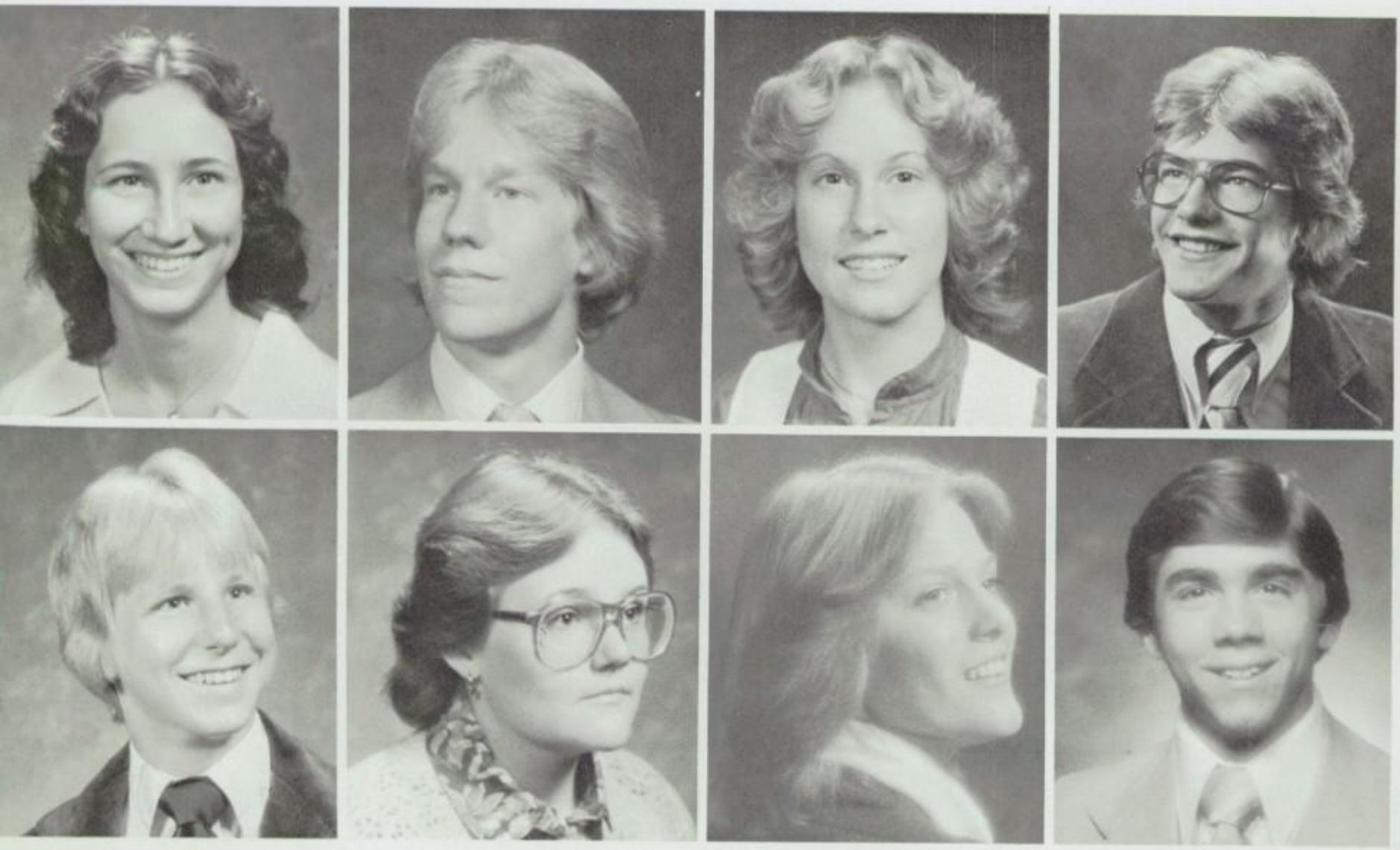
Brian Lee Cantile
Karin L. Carlson
Scott Austin Carlson
Lynndel K. Carpenter
David M. Cavner
Daniel John Champion
Phillip Lee Cheadle

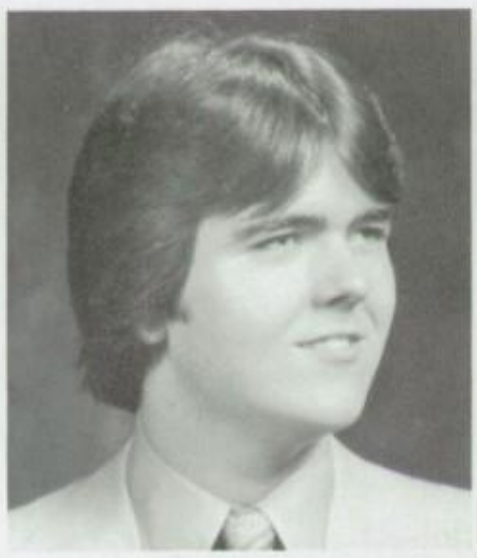
Nicholas R. Christensen
James Alan Clark
Carolyn Kay Clymer
Lori S. Coggeshall
Douglas Richard Cole
Randal W. Cole
Suzanne Y. Coleman

Tracy A. Conklin
Cheryl Ann Cook
Timothy John Cooper
Gail Susan Corbin
Richard J. Couturier

Brian J. Cramer
Randolph Gerard Crapsey
Shawn E. Crowe
Kelly J. Curtis
Michael A. Curtis

TOP TEN: Standing: Jenny Pitsch, Kathy Millering Sitting: Marcia Konkle, Tracy Richards, Mike Jacobs, Polly Bolt, Donna Wozniak, Jim Clark. Not pictured: Mark Brown, Julie Schmidt.





Senior class representatives Front Row: Tracy Richards, Eric Burgoon, Tim Littleton, Yvonne Labiotka, Jenny Pitsch, Back Row: Julie Janicki, Mike Jacobs, Laura Gross, Not pictured: Denise Farmer, Jane Westveer, and Bonnie Schipper.

Randall L. Darrah
David Max Degler
Susan Lynn DeGlopper
Brett Robert DeGraaf

Marlene Frances Deverman
Ann Marie DeWitt
Dona J. Doran
Elizabeth A. Dorgan

Sandra Ruth Douglas
James G. Douthett
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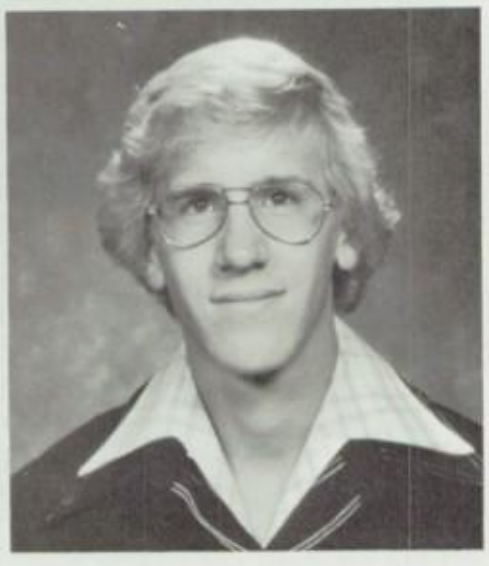

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William Louis Fegel II
Kenneth M. Felix
Timothy R. Fiebig

Keith Joseph Finnegan
Derinda L. Fletcher
David B. Flikkema
Michael Duane Forrest
Nathaniel J. Fowle

Teresa Dawn Fowle
Richard L. Frampton
John B. Francen
Eugene F. Fries
Kay Ann Frodl

Keiko Furuta
Gerard Thomas Gerloski Jr.
Melissa Gerner
Sheri Jean Gethers
Roberta Lee Gort
Brian Arthur Graves
Lucia Arlene Graves

Laura Ann Gross
Terri Lynn Gulliver
Carrie Jane Hall
Craig Alan Hallstedt
Jeffrey E. Ham
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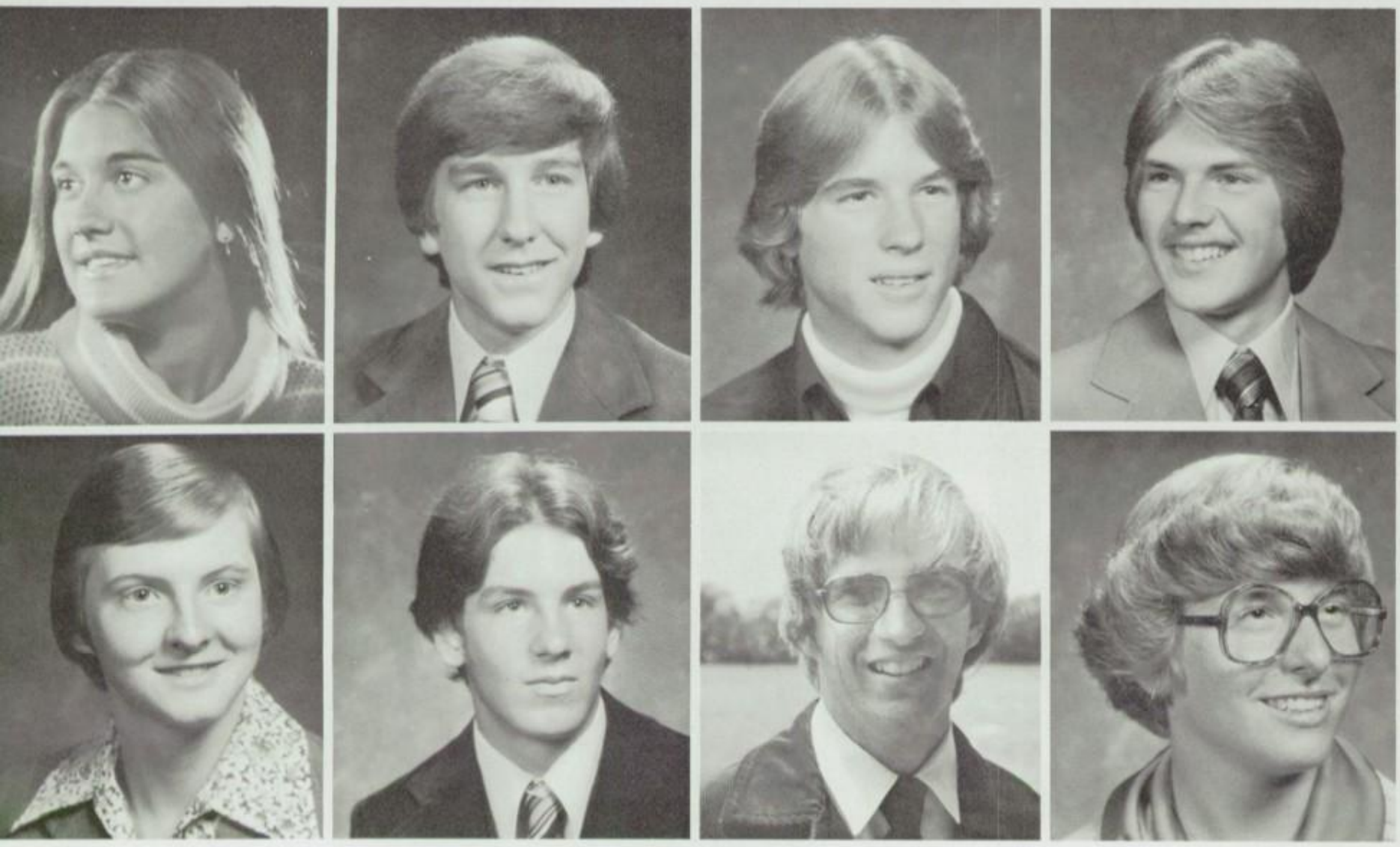
Richard Hanson

Senior class officers: President Linda Roberts, Secretary Melissa Gerner, and Vce-president Cindy Woolridge. Not pictured: Treasurer Janice Buhr.



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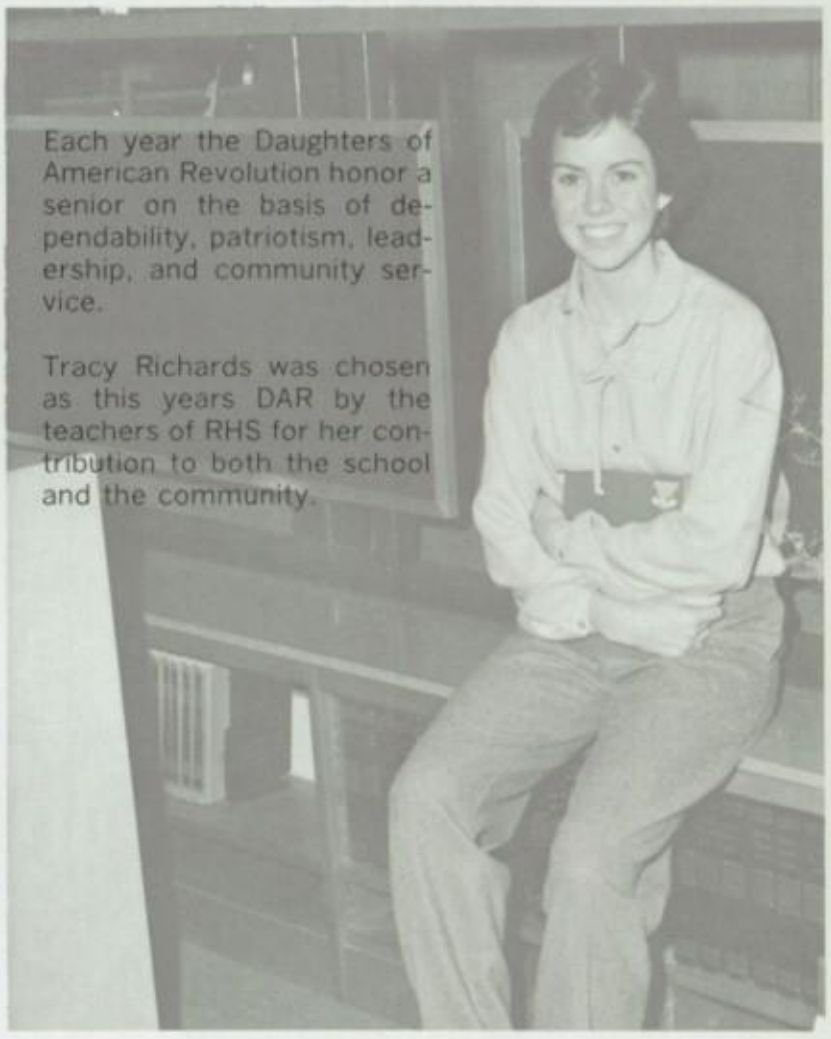
Diane Carol Harvey
Lynne Ann Hemphill
Shelly K. Herremans

Mark D. Herrington
Cindy L. Hill
Sue Ann Hoag
Henry J. Hoekstra
Julie Ann Hormuth

Each year the Daughters of American Revolution honor a senior on the basis of dependability, patriotism, leadership, and community service.

Tracy Richards was chosen as this years DAR by the teachers of RHS for her contribution to both the school and the community.



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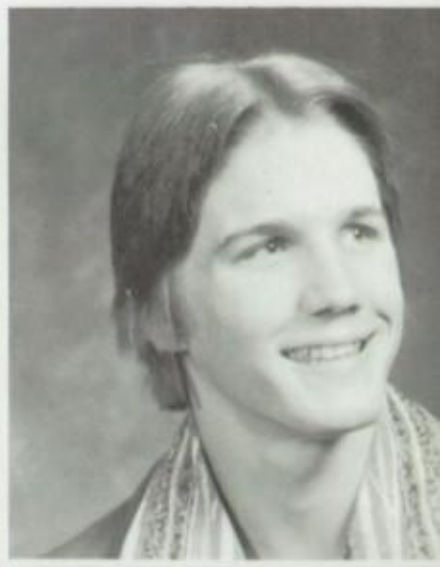

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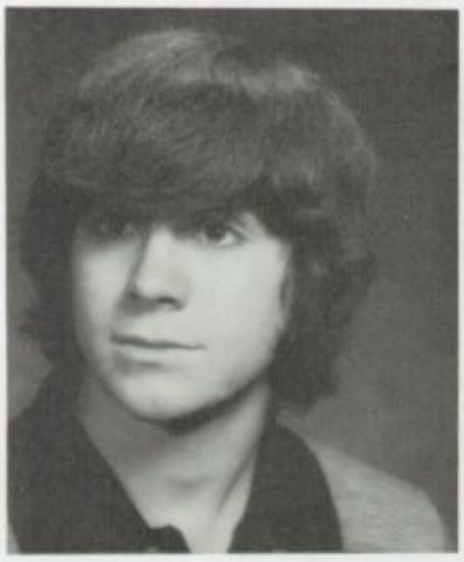

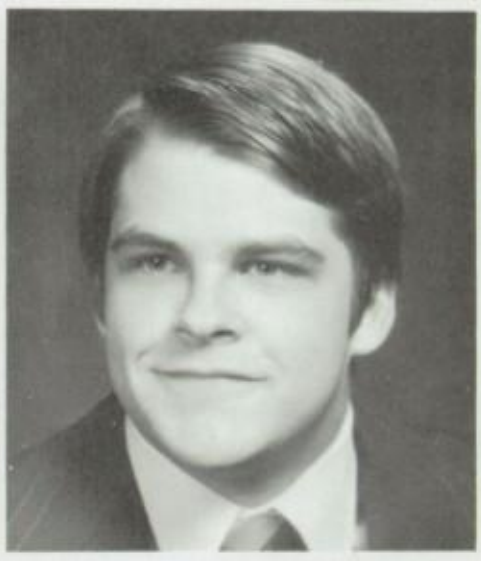

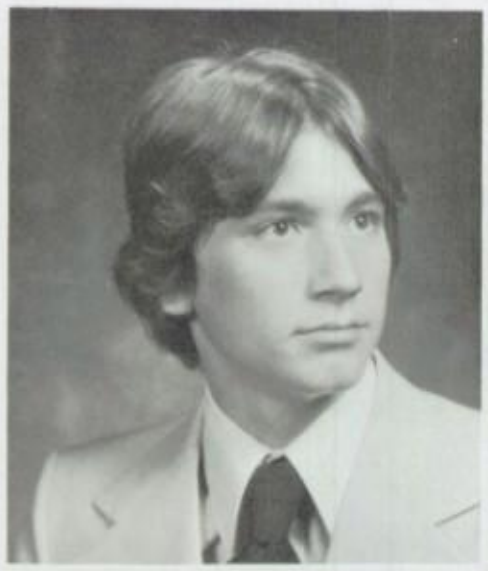

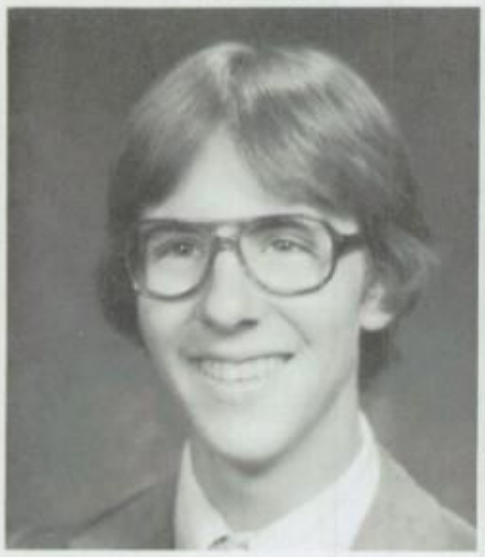

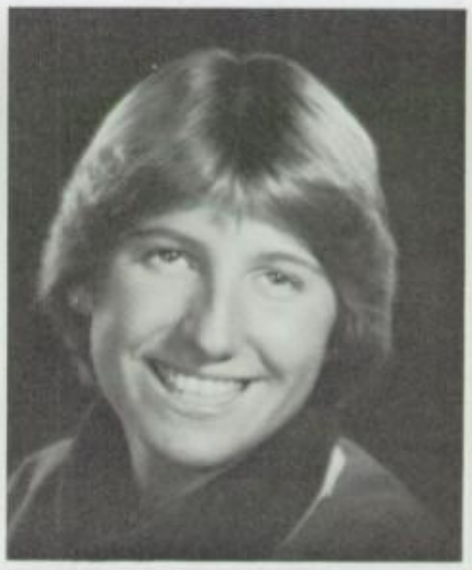

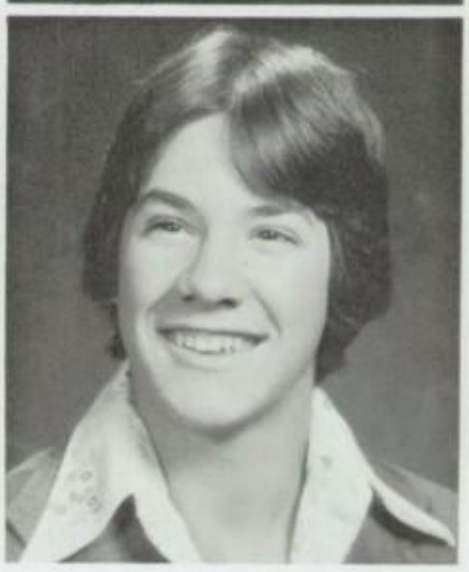
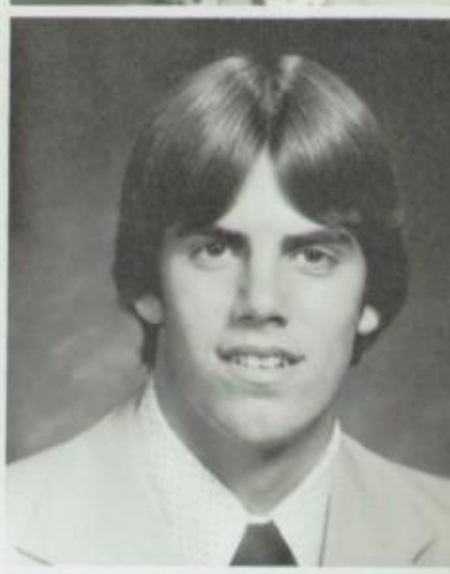

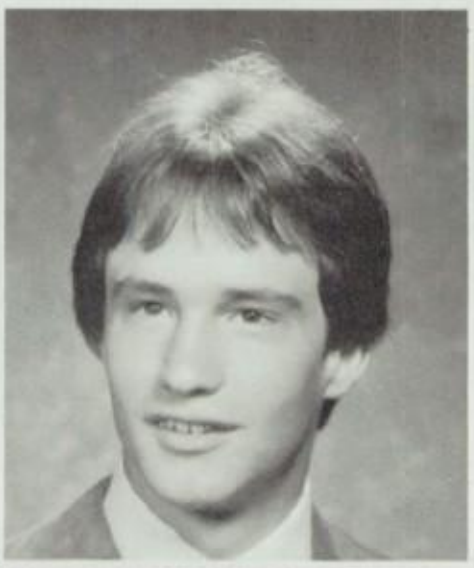

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Lynn Marie Ketchum
Karin Kay Kidder
Robin K. Kitler
Jerry A. Knox
Michael Lee Knox

"It has been a year I never will forget. I have learned a lot, not just about how you are, why you act like you do, but I have also learned a lot about myself and my own country."
— Anne Madsen exchange student from Faaborg on Fyn in Denmark.

Vicki Lynn Koetje
Marcia Ann Konkle
Diane Marie Kotowski
Keith Steven Kowalski

Kenith L. Kowalski
Michelle L. Kozlowski
Frederick Thayer Krantz
Michael Rowan Kuhn

Yvonne M. Labiotka
Holly-Jo Lafferty
Don J. Lamos
Kelly J. Lance
Bruce P. Langridge
Pamela Kay Larsen
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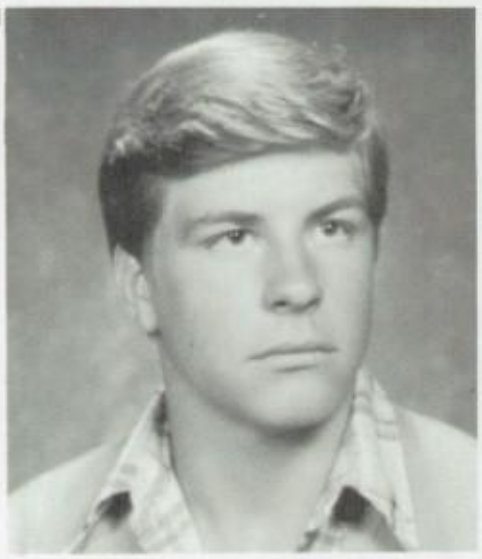

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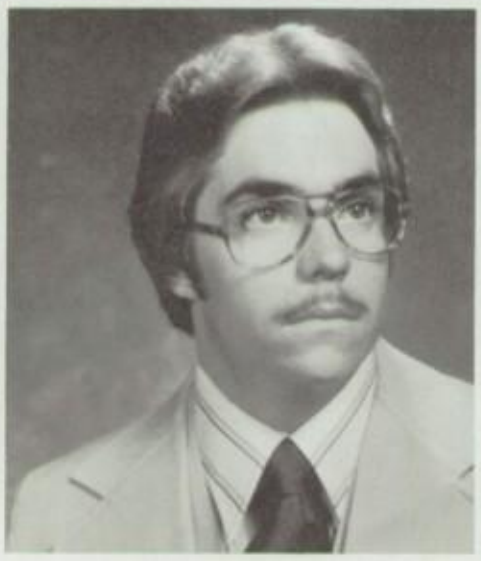
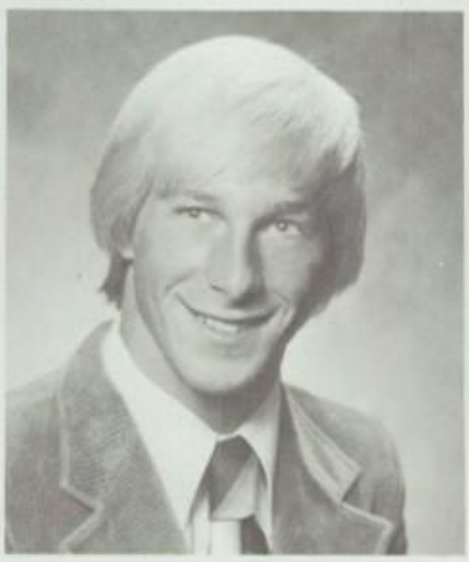

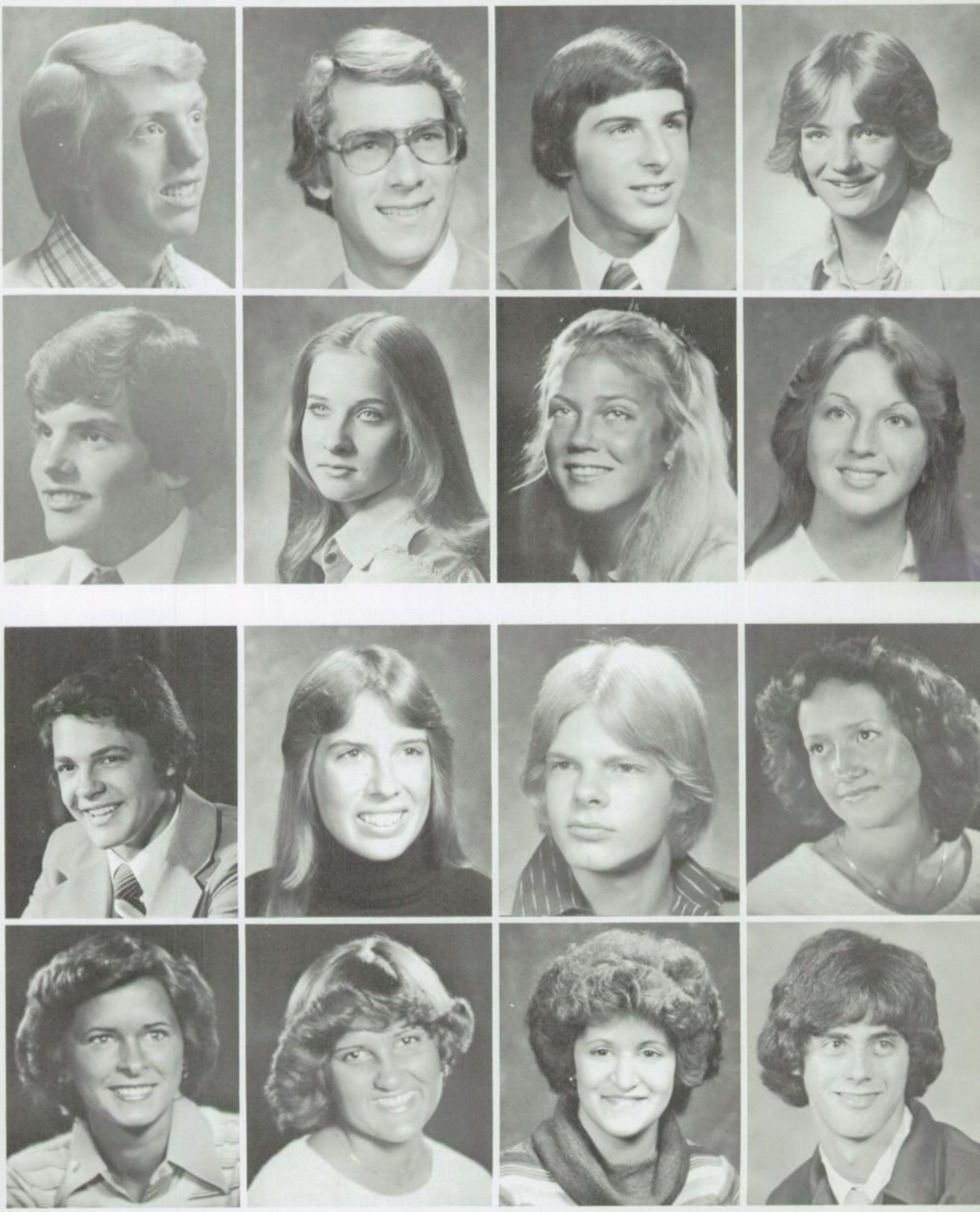

"Before I came here, I saw America only on a map. I learned about America only in my geography class. But now, I see it with my own eyes. I enjoy it so much here! I have wonderful experiences with a nice family, nice friends."
— Keiko Furuta exchange student from Sagamihara, Japan.

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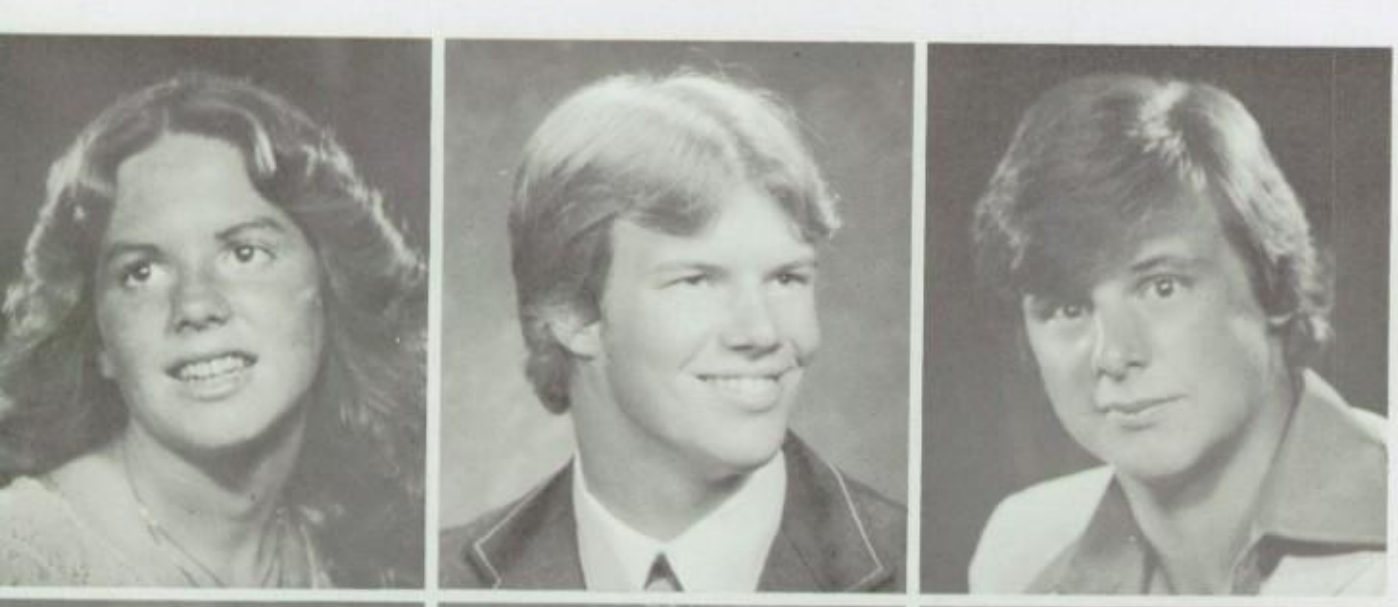

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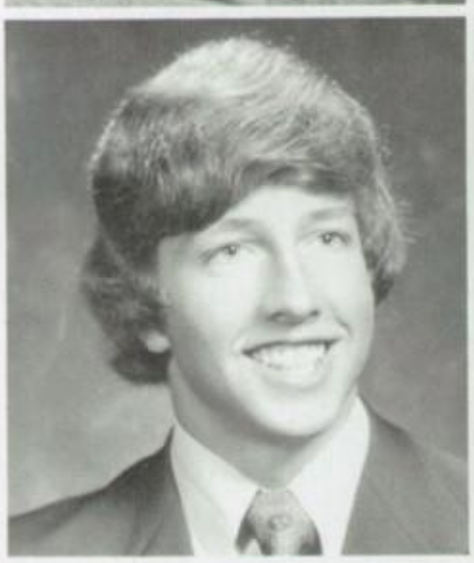

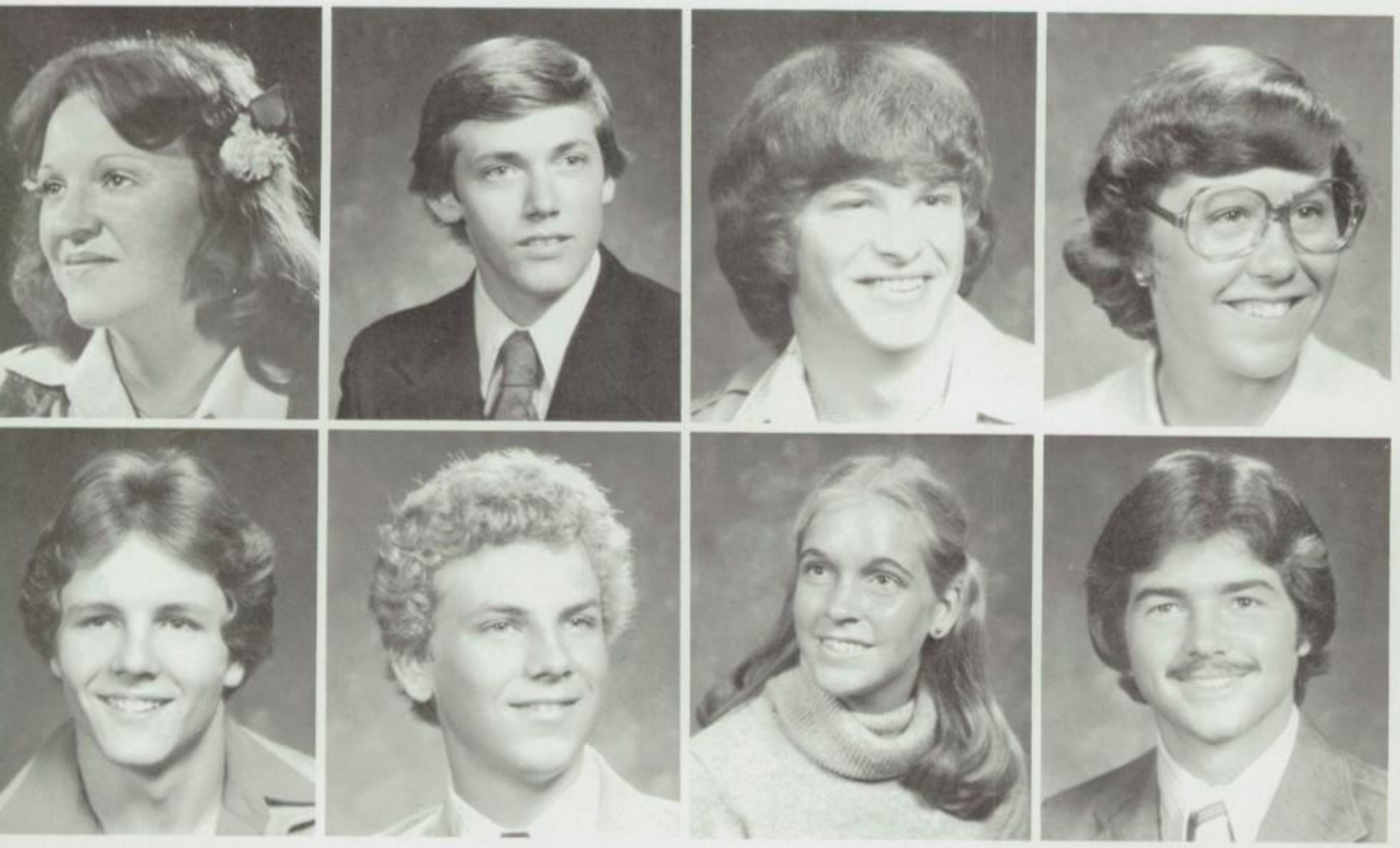

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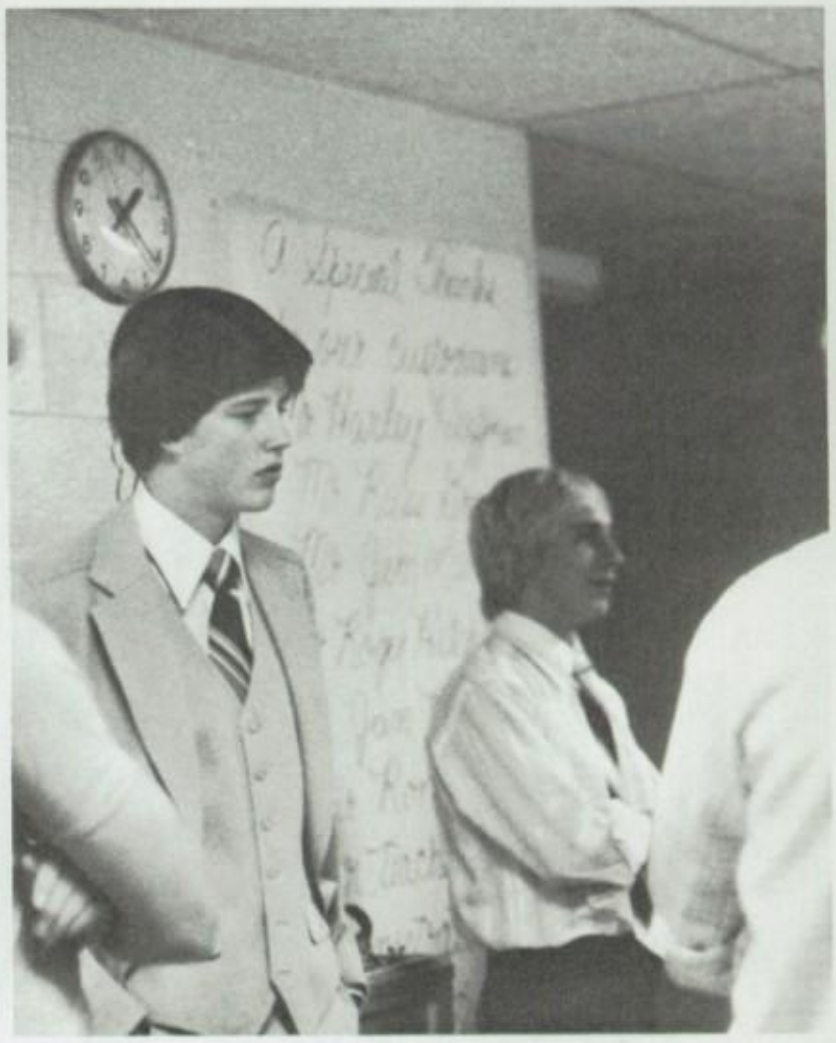

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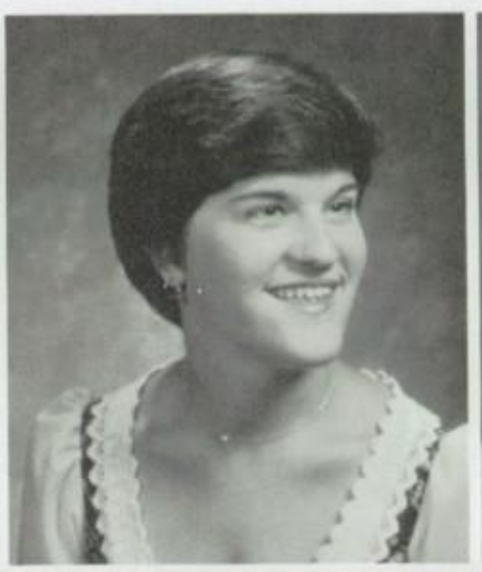

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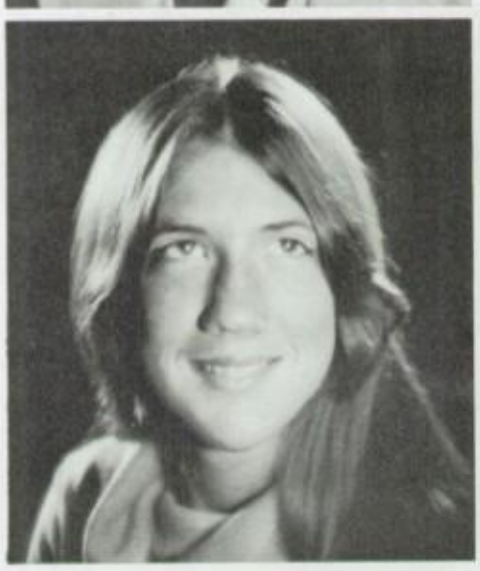

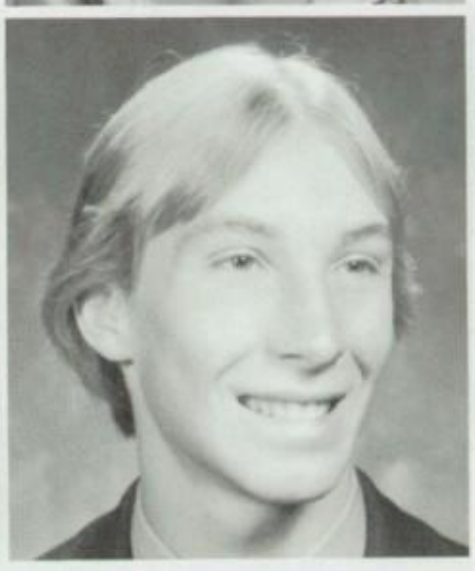

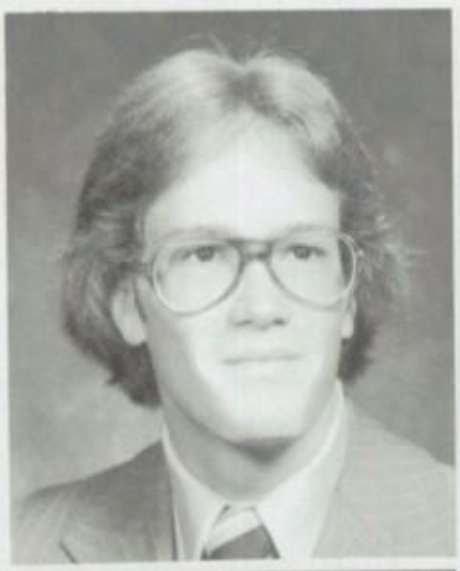

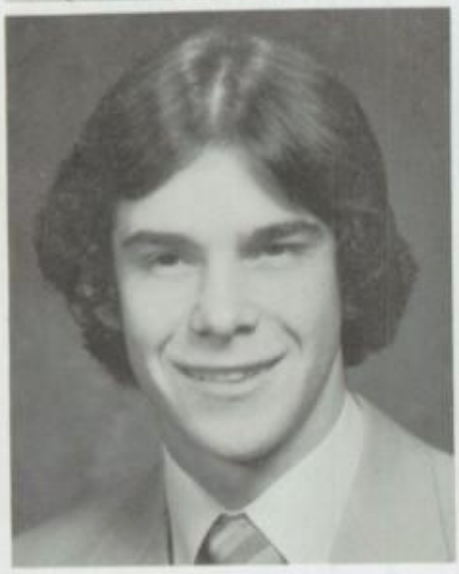

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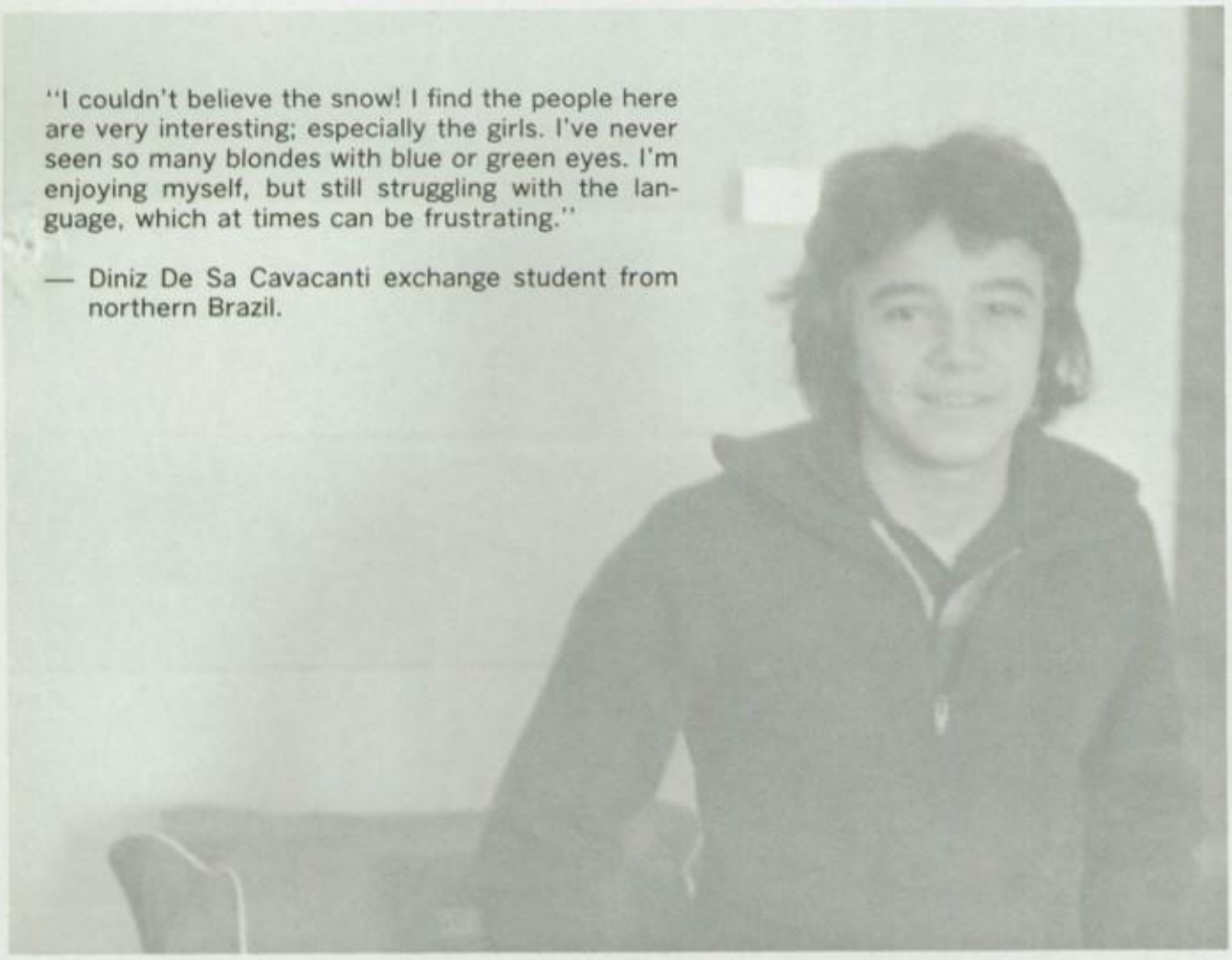

"I couldn't believe the snow! I find the people here are very interesting; especially the girls. I've never seen so many blondes with blue or green eyes. I'm enjoying myself, but still struggling with the language, which at times can be frustrating."

— Diniz De Sa Cavacanti exchange student from northern Brazil.

Tamara Lynne Smith
Jill Ann Snyder
Kurt Snyder
Donald G. Soules

Melinda G. Southwell
Julie Ann Stadt
John L. Steele
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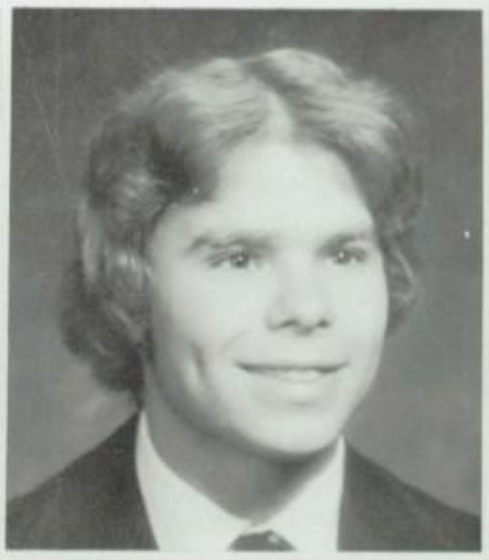

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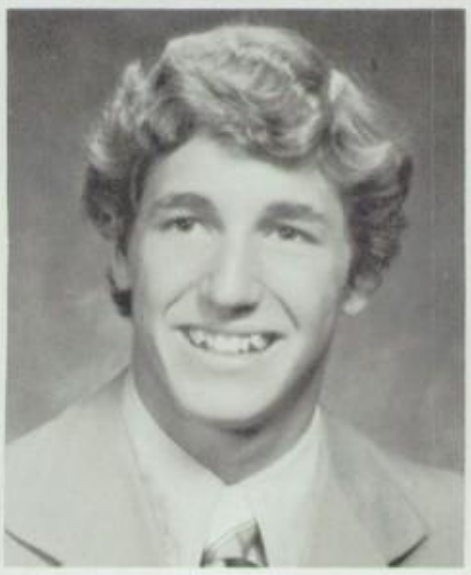

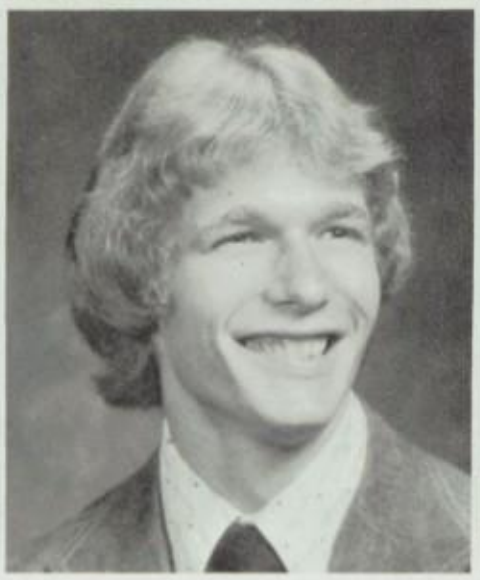

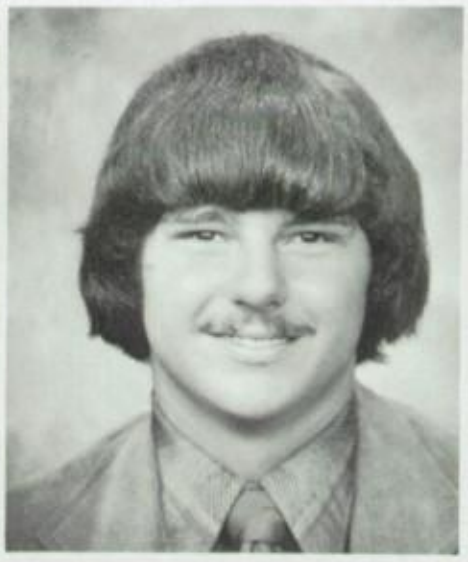

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Michael S. Whitman
Joseph S. Wickham
Michael Roger Willett
Tammi Lynn Willett
Brent S. Wilmer

Monica Lee Wing
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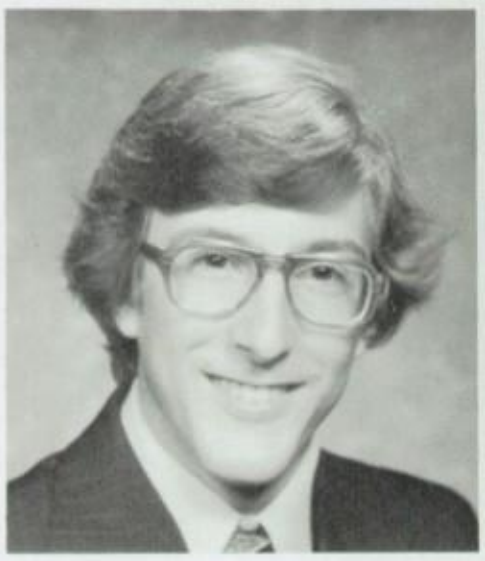
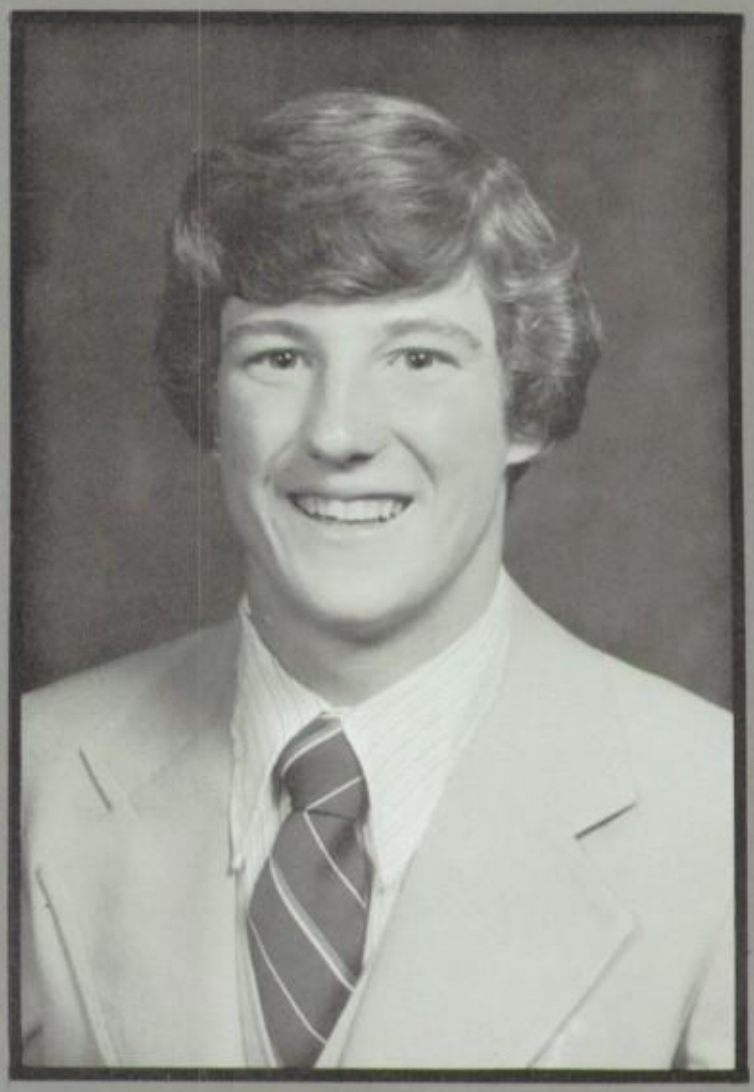


Not Pictured:

Micheal Baremore
Jackie Mae Borrick
Edmond Briel
Karyn DeWitt
James Dise
Beth Eckelstafer
Randy Fisk
Dobie Ford
Joe Hart
Marcie Herring
Bob Hustosky
Mark Jones
Renata Lanza
Brian Locke
Blythe Markle
Deb Micheal
Scott Modzelewski
Lynn Rosier
Tammy Scrivener
Lynn Spencer
Neal Streeter
Rodney Terpstra
Chuck Thomas
Sharon Thome
John Tomaszewski
Ron Varnagatas
Frank Vlahos
Dennis Watkins
Christina White
James Whitlach
Kirk Wilson
Kris Zemeskas

Rick Armstrong's smile and outgoing personality will be greatly missed by all his family, friends, and fellow classmates, but the memories that he left behind will be cherished in the hearts of many. Besides being blessed with outstanding athletic abilities in football, swimming, and gymnastics, his concern for others showed up in many ways. He coached the special olympics team at River Valley Elementary and was considered by most to be a very "special person."



Denise Farmer's contributions to her community and school will always remain to represent her caring and concern for the lives of others around her. She participated in cheerleading, ski club, and was a member of the student council, a class officer, and a member of the 1978 Homecoming court. Her cheerfullness and love of life has given us all something to model our lives by, and the impact she left with everyone she touched will never be forgotten in the years ahead.

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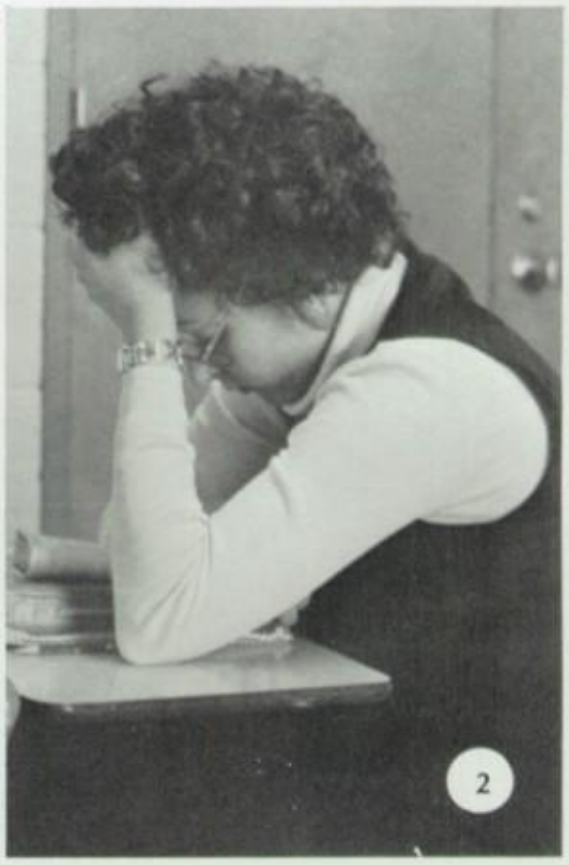
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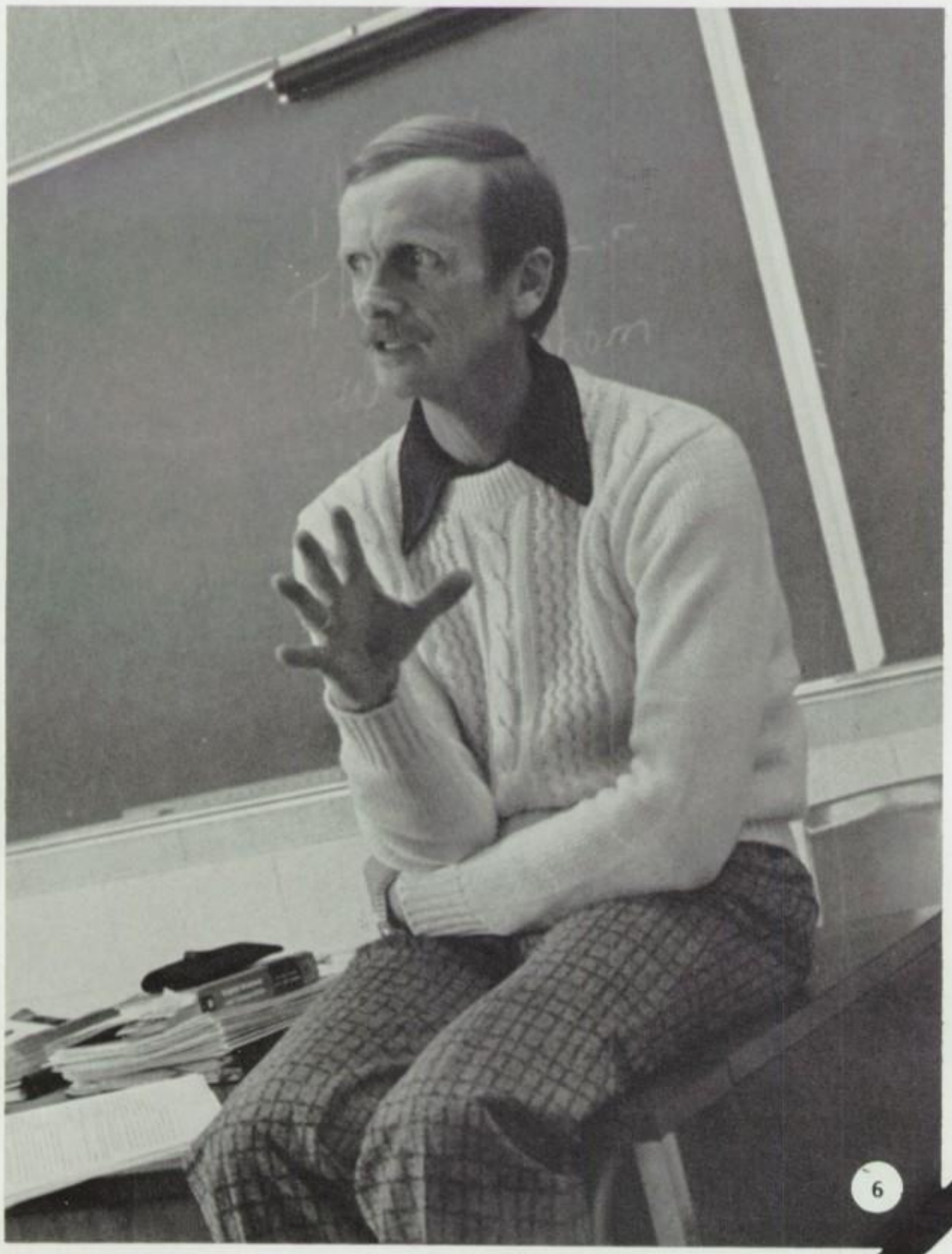
"Ya know Anne, I don't know what English course to take! They have such a wide variety. They have courses in the areas of reading, writing, speech, journalism and drama. After the basic reading and writing courses a large selection of courses are available, not only for the high school student, but also for the college bound student. There are improvement courses for the student who needs extra help in reading and writing." "Well Debbie, I didn't hear that, but I did hear about government. They contribute 12 hours of their time campaigning for a candidate of their choice. They also had Jack Beam and Dale Sprik come in during class to talk and answer questions."



1. — Mr. Bolt proving a point to Frank Vlahos about the reaction of different civilizations when they meet.
2. — Debbie Reynolds ditches home work for a good book.
3. — In history class, Jon Wolthuis pretends to be at work.
4. — In Science Fiction, a lot of reading is required, and Tim Fiebig seems to be enjoying it.
5. — Phil Krey relaxing and enjoying his book in the learning center.
6. — Mr. Weir explains some of the basics in Advanced Comp 1.

SOCIAL STUDIES

SCIENCE

1 — Miss Williams demonstrates the "proper" way to look through a microscope.
2 — Paul Wolford, using a two eyed microscope, studies a rock.
3 — Leann Bauer deeply involved in studying geometric constructions.
4 — Dave Hockstra demonstrates his math ability in front of the class.
5 — Mike Morningstar weighs a piece of granite on a three beam balance.
6 — Dawn Tetzlaff "put on the spot" in Mr. Prins' Math Class.
7 — Dave Hockstra finally came to the conclusion that his patient is in a bad way!

"Hi Mark, What are you doing?" "Well Kevin I'm trying to figure out my schedule for next year, only I don't know anything about these classes." "I might be able to help." "O.K., Can you tell me about the science classes." "Most of the science classes map Rum Creek." "Ecology's more advanced, they have a lot of independent study projects and the class did go on a weekend campout on the Manistee River." "Kev, do you know anything about the math classes."? "Every year the students can enter a state wide contest. The Michigan Mathematics Prize Contest. The five Rockford students who finish in the top 4% of the 25,000 participants are Seniors Roberta Gort, Roger Vogler and Juniors Tom Martin, Shane Elenbaas, and John Vandermoere.

MATH

"CREATIVE PRODUCTION"

"Rose, how should I write this copy?" "What is it about?" "The Vocational Classes, such as, wood shop, metal shop, auto shop, small engines, drafting, and building trades. The classes that are never covered. You said you wanted them covered in academics but you didn't say exactly what you wanted." "Well, what's new in those classes?" "Mr. Crawford is advisor of a new club called Michigan Association of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. (VICA.) The main purpose would probably be to foster a deep respect for the dignity of work and at the same time to develope leadership abilities through participation in education, vocational, civic, recreational, and social activities, without regard to race, sex, religion, creed or national origin." "How about the Buildings and Trades class?" "Mr. Kimball and the guys built a bi-level, 22,000 sq. foot fully insulated house, with a deck off the dining room, and a two car garage." "That's really interesting, Ron, didn't they also add some activities in gym?" "Yes to enrich the athletic program they added dancing, golf, bowling, and senior life saving for advanced students. Rose, I still don't know how you want this copy written." "Sounds good to me Ron."

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1 — Phil Gould applies elbow grease while hand sanding in machine woods.
2 — Miss Kings' 3rd hour gym class practices their disco dancing.
3 — Jeff Wakerman grinds a tool bit for a metal lathe in metal shop.
4 — Jim Sittser rebuilding a XL 12 Homelite chain saw in small engines.
5 — Tony Lovell and Joe Schaap both made cabinets in machine woods.
6 — Mitch Hiler really has to stretch to reach the ignition coil.

VOCATIONAL

FINE ARTS

"Sara, how was band camp?" "Great, Ron! Every one who wants to be in the marching band has to go to camp for 5 days. You spend 8 hours a day rehearsing." "How's the food?" "Super!" What do you enjoy most about camp?" "The last few days when everything begins to work all the time and effort begins to pay off." "Could you tell me some of the things the Art and Home Ec. departments did?" "The Art department was responsible for the cover design of the Expo, a literary display held at the Junior High, where each year the students work is displayed. Marcia Konkle made the track board as a class project for Studio. The Home Ec. department sold popcorn to raise money to help buy a micro wave oven for the Home Ec. During Michigan week the advanced Home Ec. classes prepared a breakfast for the local business men.

1 — The quote "Too many cooks spoil the broth" does not apply in this case as the pie made by Chuck Befus and Cherie Brunsink turned out just fine.
2 — Karen Lamers returns to the band room after the pep bands performance at half time.
3 — Joan Shier bravely gaurding her kitchen.
4 — Kim Sittser, Kelly Ivy, Penny Armstrong and Pam Sheehan hard at work on their art projects.
5 — Halftime at a football game just wouldn't be halftime without the flag rank, being led here by Kelly Chapman.
6 — Donna Eberly diligently works on her ceramics project.

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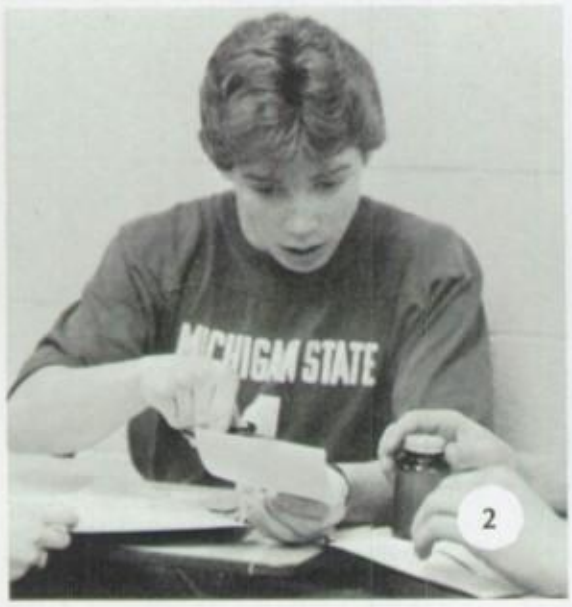
"RAMPAGE"

Many pains and frustrations go into the preparation of a newspaper. Hours are spent researching, writing and editing. More time is spent gathering ads, photography, and making layouts. Next the typesetting and final printing. Then, and only then is the Rampage distributed to those we are trying to inform. Putting out a newspaper, with a limited staff and money supply, takes a lot of time, effort, and causes a lot of headaches. But it also gives a sense of accomplishment, especially when, as Terri says, "It's done!"

1 — Photography editor for both the Rampage and Rams Tale, Kevin "Flash" Evans Supplies the "action shots".
2 — Tim Littleton edits copy, "Can we print that?"
3 — Karen Mitchell types news articles for the Rampage.
4 — **RAMPAGE STAFF, Top Row:** Tim Littleton, Jeff Schutt, Matt Hawthorne, **Middle Row:** John Pierce, Karen Mitchell, Barb Blanchard, **Bottom Row:** Julie Janicki, Jackie Terptrsa, Briane Graves, editor Kathy Faber, advisor Mr. Richard Weiderman, **Floor:** Kevin Evans.



"Catch 'em While You Can!"

Putting a yearbook together is a difficult and time-consuming job, there are always events to be covered, layouts to be made, copy deadlines picture schedules and advertising sales, just to name a few! Although there are times when we feel like quiting, if everyone works together, the headaches and hassles over the year seem fewer when the yearbook is completed and we can say, "We did it ourselves!"

1 — **RAMS TALE STAFF; Top Row:** Marge Brunett, photography editor, Kevin Evans, advisor Mr. Bob Ruster, editor Rose Steimel, Karen Bancroft. **Middle Row:** Michelle Cook, Sue Clymer, Lori Laraway, Cindy Colson, Karen Arps, Julie Downer, Ron Parson. **Bottom Row:** Julie Hurley, Colleen Osbun, Melody Waldron, Terri Gulliver, Chris Knight, Tom Commee, **Not Pictured:** Sara Brady.
2 — Editor Rose Steimel designs the Rams Tale cover.
3 — Ron Parson prepares layouts for academics.
4 — Karen Bancroft types copy for final printing.

"Catch 'Em While You Can!"

This is it, this is the book everyone has waited so long to get and the Rams Tale staff has worked so long and hard to make. Countless hours have been put into the making of this book. Long, endless hours filled with frustrations, confusion, pain, hate, sweat, and agony, along with the fun of learning, sharing, growing and working together have been put into it. We didn't just make a book. We have stopped time, and captured it through use of pictures, words, feelings, and ideas. We've preserved, within these few pages the entire 78-79 school year and all the memories it has brought us.

In choosing our theme, "Catch 'em while you can!" the Rams Tale staff wishes to remind everyone to enjoy as much of life as possible and to stop and notice the small things in life that we so often take for granted, but never return again.

There are several people whom I wish to thank for making this yearbook possible.

First of all, our super advisor, Mr. Bob Ruster, who's guidance and supervision (and temper!) kept us all on our toes to meet deadlines; without his help and encouragement we would have never learned so much through making this book.

Most of all,I wish to thank the entire Rams Tale staff, Karen, Terri, Julie, Leanne, Mel, Ron, Sara, Tom, Cindy, Lori, Karen, Marge, Julie, Karen A., "The Blondes", Sue, Michelle, Lori, Colleen, Kris, and especially, our fantastic photography editor Kevin "Flash" Evans, who supplied us with all of our pictures and spent hours in the darkroom developing "rush" pictures.

It's these people that made it all happen. Everything in this book is the combined efforts of the staff. Many, many times we wanted to just back out, quit, and give it up, but always came through and finished the job.

Also, Brian Markin, for photography and Rick Devon for his fine endsheet drawings. Mr. John Pesano, our Josten's American Yearbook Company representative, who's pen we never stole!

Bob "Munchkin" Misius, and Universal Studios for our photography, equipment, and supplies.

All of the faculty and staff who put up with our skipping classes and our picture schedules in order to meet deadlines.

All of our sponsors and patrons who have contributed badly needed funds.

Thank you,

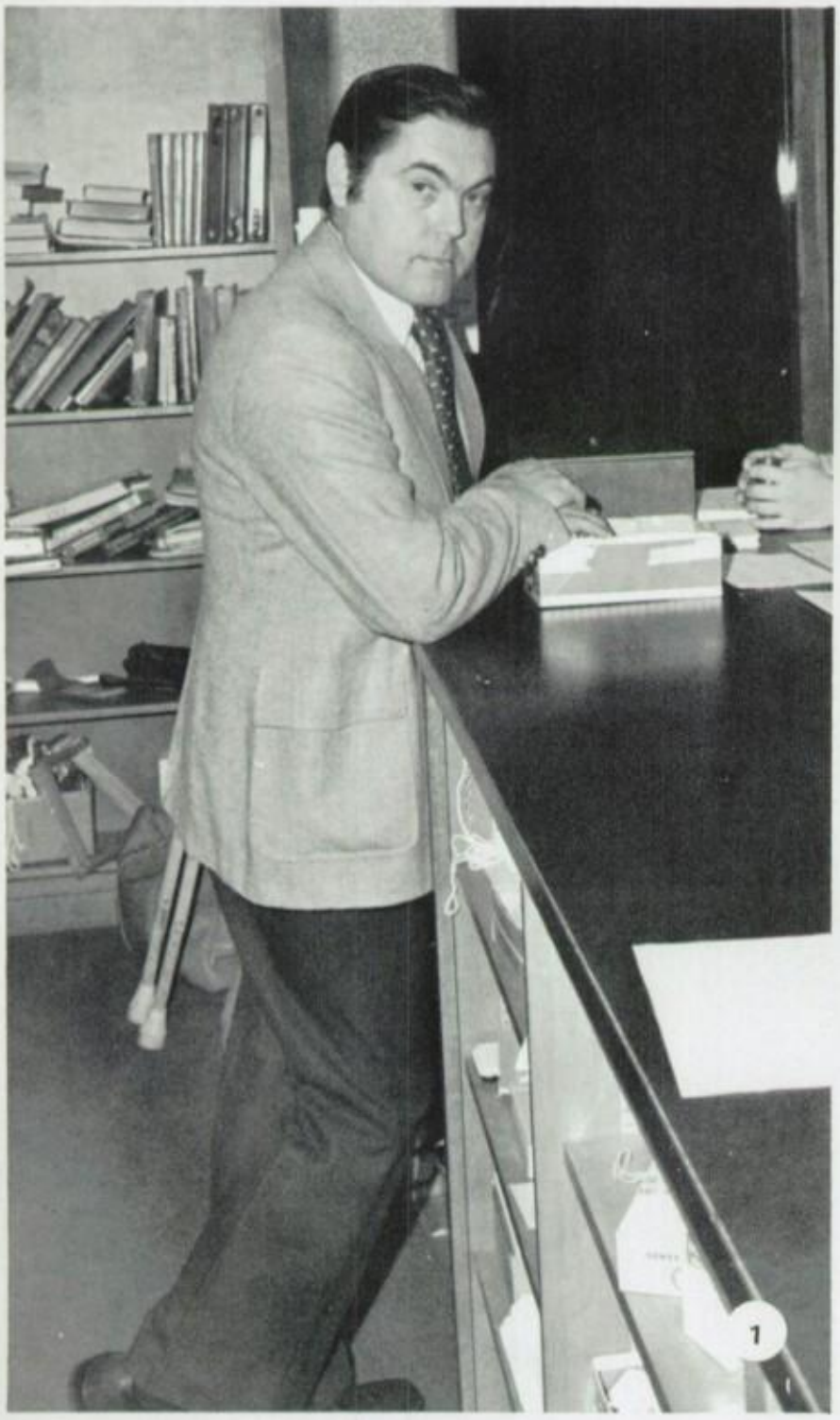
Rose Steimel
1979 Rams Tale editor

Administrators Make It Work

Administrators all so different, yet each one a part of the school, with distinct views and attitudes, responsibilities and jobs.

School provided us with the opportunity to develop an understanding of other people, an acceptance of their ideas and willingness of cooperation with them. Only when we learned the importance of other and our needs for interaction with them did we make the most out of the school year. Without the guidance and authority of these school officials the function of school would be impossible.

1 — **PRINCIPAL:** Wilbur Sinclair
2 — **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:** Clinton Lindhout
3 — **SUPERINTENDENT:** James F. Bale
4 — **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:** Robert Haverkate
5 — **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** P.E. Teacher: Pat Cwayna
6 — **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** Resigned: Bud Ashton
7 — **BUSINESS MANAGER:** Earl Misner
8 — **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION:** Art Miller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James Bale Retires After 31 Years

James F. Bale retired after 18 years as school superintendent of the Rockford Public School System, climaxing 31 years in the education field. As superintendent he has seen many changes in the Rockford School Systems, with the initiation of a high school completion course, improvement in vocational courses, K-12 co-ordinated reading programs, and an increase in local scholarship programs. One change Mr. Bale would have liked to have seen in the Rockford area is the building of a new Rockford community auditorium. Looking back, Mr. Bale feels that the people of Rockford were very helpful and supportive in many of the boards decisions and projects, and he states that he leaves the office "with good feelings" and he wishes the entire community well, thanking them for the many things that they have already done for the school system.

1 — Superintendent **James F. Bale**
2 — **Mr. Bale** burning the midnight oil.
3 — **Mr. Bale** at a schoolboard meeting. In the background is **Assist. Superintendent Haverkate.**
4 — Applauding during the 1978 Homecoming King's acceptance speech from right **Mr. Gordon Norman, Mr. James Bale, Mr. Bill Sinclair,** and **Mr. Doyle Hoppingarner.**

After 23 Years Assistant Superintendent Retires

After twenty three years of service to the Rockford community, **Robert Haverkate** has retired this year from his position as assistant superintendent. Mr. Haverkate started his career in education as a sixth grade teacher in Comstock, near Kalamazoo. From there he moved to the Rockford area where he became principal of Lakes Elementary School. In 1956 he was appointed to his position with the title "elementary curriculum co-ordinator", which was later changed to "K-12 curriculum co-ordinator". Mr. Haverkate has seen many changes in the high school curriculum, with the addition of home ec., foreign language, shop and career education courses.

1 — Retiring Assistant Superintendent **Robert Haverkate** working in his office.

Mr. Bartlett Retires After 33 Years

If you mentioned agriculture the first thing most people would think of is **Mr. Fred Bartlett.** This changes as a result of Mr. Bartlett's retirement last June. He leaves after thirty-three years with the Rockford school system. He served as faculty adviser to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) for thirty-three years. Like everything else, things change. In the agriculture field thirty-three years ago, only boys were allowed to join FFA. The equipment used was brought from the students farms, unlike today. Now, through sponsoring different activities such as Pancake Suppers, Christmas tree and fireplace wood sales and selling of crops, they are able to own a combine, three tractors, a corn picker and a pickup truck. Mr. Bartlett earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University. His decision to retire came last spring after he suffered a detached retina. Following retirement, he is planning on doing some leisurely garden work and just taking it easy. He and his wife, Edith, who have lived in Rockford for thirty-three years, have two married daughters, Carol and Lois, and one grandchild.

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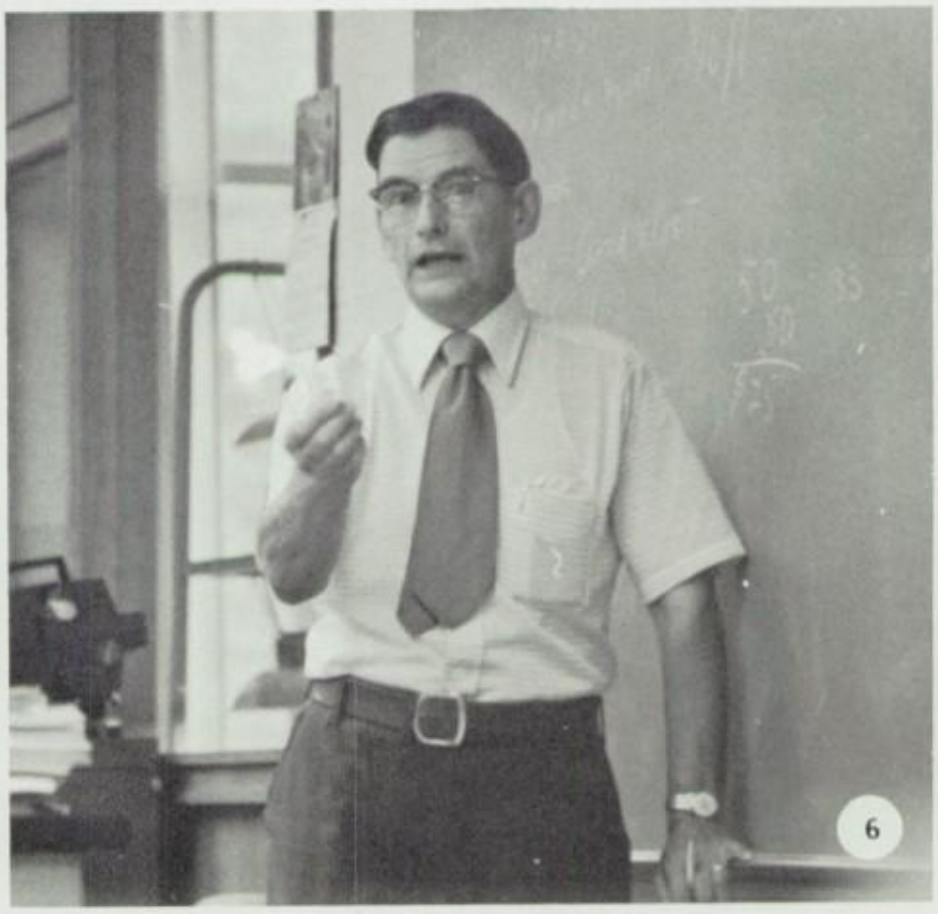

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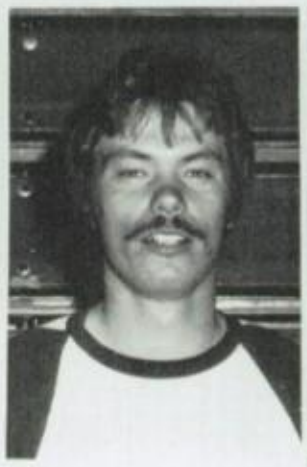
1 — Figuring the costs of crops is one of the annual problems of the FFA director.
2 — After 33 years of teaching, Mr. Bartlett still found time to play "gourmet chef" at the annual FFA pancake supper.
3 — After three decades of putting up with high school students, Mr. Bartlett can still grin and bear it.
4 — Chain saw safety is only one of the the things that future farmers learn.
5 — Besides being a teacher, Mr. Bartlett is also a part time handyman.
6 — Before planting crops, Mr. Bartlett and students decide the amount of acres for each crop.

"Guess who I saw at K-mart last night!"
"Who?"
"Mr. Norman, and he had jeans and tennis shoes on."
"No, it couldn't have been him, he's a teacher."
Most students think of teachers as mechanical machines made for nothing but lecturing and giving assignments. Sitting behind a desk doesn't eliminate the problems of what to fix for dinner or what to give mom for Mothers Day. If you take a closer look you'll probably find that teachers can be friends too!

Walter Anderson
counselor
Ken Andree
English
Tom Baer
mathematics
Richard Bakita
mathematics

Fred Bartlet
agriculture; FFA
David Bass
band
Jack Bolt
history
Linda Boyd
English; gymnastics coach

Chuck Bultman
science; sophomore class advisor
Kevin Casey
gym assistant
Bob Christensen
history; psychology; boys golf coach
Cindy Cook
English; Latin, Latin club advisor



John Crawford
drafting; mech, drawing
Harve DeGood
FCA; health; PE; varsity baseball coach
Lynne Deptula
home economics
Margie Duiven
counselor

Chuck Doty
math; typing; office practice; junior class advisor
Jenny Dunten
home economics
George Finkbeiner
algebra
Ann Fowler
typing; consumer education

Rudy Gonzales
study hall
Terri Heydon
Librarian
Mike Holton
history; study hall; boys frosh basketball coach; varsity girls basketball coach
Betty Horton
secretary

Karene Hughes
shorthand; typing; office practice; frosh cheerleading coach
Doug Jarrett
English
Vic Johnston
science; physics; physics club advisor
Kathy Kasul
English

Mary Kapteyn
study hall; JV volleyball coach; JV girls softball coach
Carla Kazanowski
psychology student teacher
Kel Keefer
government; economics; close-up advisor; track coach
Al Kimball
building trades

Phyllis King
PE; girls frosh basketball; girls golf coach
Terry Konkle
English; varsity girls softball
Ligita Kornets
art; interior design
Frank Kovach
auto shop

Arlene Laitila
library clerk
Dorene Lammers
secretary
Steve Landane
choir; band
Bruce Lane
architecture; metals

Lloyd Launstein
machine tool; metals
Bill Lepech
retail; advertising; co-op
Jerry Lyon
biology; ecology
Katie Maslowski
counselor

Leslie Mathews
French; French club
Jack Miller
history
Greg Meyers
physiology assistant
James Mollema
band

Stu Mortensen
comp. ed
Gordy Norman
speech; Spanish; student council advisor
Brad Prins
algebra; geometry
Don Rinehart
algebra; wrestling coach; frosh baseball coach

John Rose
small engine; machine woods
Bob Ruster
English; Rams Tale advisor
Marian Ryan
counselor
Marian Sakalauskas
English; drama club

Al Shafer
business
Joan Shellen
secretary
Jim Sherman
machine woods; vocational cabinet
Margaret Simons
secretary

Dave Smith
behavioral science; history; modern problems
Joyce Solomon
secretary
Bob Spencer
chemistry; chem. club
John Srholec
P.E.; varsity club advisor; varsity football coach; track coach

Mr. Mike Holton and **Mr. Wilbur Sinclair** at a Freshman basketball game.

Jon Stamp
art; jewlery
Tom Tebeau
audio visual
Dean Torrenga
history student teacher
Jeannie Townsend
reading improvement

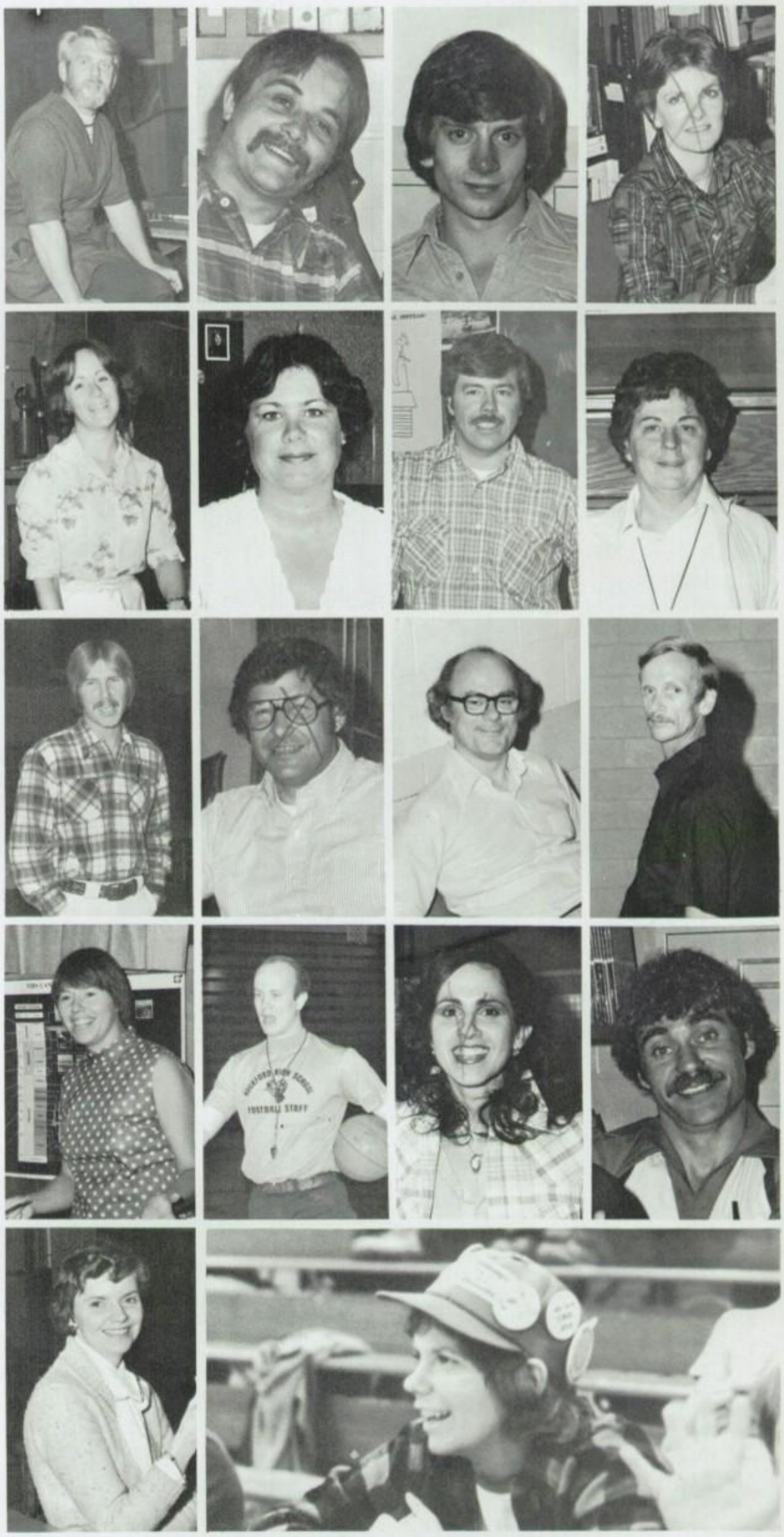
Laura Vanderbout
biology; algebra; gymnastics coach
Gail Vantimmeren
secretary
Bruce VanWingen
physiology; science; freshmen class advisor
Betty Verduin
P.E.; girls swimming coach

Kenn Vidro
art; graphics; study hall; art club advisor
Eric Warren
Math; calculus
Dick Weiderman
English; journalism; Rampage
Stan Weir
English

Starlene Williams
science; varsity volleyball coach
Vic Wolven
P.E.; JV football coach
Sara Wood
home economics
Bob York
resource room

Jane Zwiers
Librarian

Ms. Cook keeps score at the French and Latin Club basketball game.



The **cooks** at RHS don't only prepare the food, they triple as waitresses, cashiers, and bus-persons. To the advantage of students food is now available in both the east and west cafeterias.

1 — **COOKS,** Deloris Bradly, Jean Nelson, Bethel Crame, Evelyn Moore, Rose Mary Cook, Ellen Jones, Donna Norton, Florence Hill. **Not Pictured:** Marilee Whitman, Judy Beaudoin, Rose Russell.

2 — **Russ Gray,** one of the many janitors at RHS.
3 — Night janitor **John Kimbell.**
Not Pictured: Harley Huffman, Deloris Haynes, Barbara Terry, Arlene Belcher, Jim Laham, Lucy Shafer, Bob Curler, Richard Hynes, Ranata Stolicker.

4 — **Jim Fowler,** Rockford's own "Joe Friday", was hired 2 years ago to help the administration control student truancy.
5 — "These towels smell just like the ones at home." Thanks to **Ruth Hanson,** RHS's laundress.

Forensics

The forensics club attended the Calvin College Invitational Festival and the O.K. Conference Festival at Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association festival of competition, Kathy Faber and Jan Vroegindewey advanced to the regional competition.

FORENSICS, Clockwise Left: to right Deb Reynolds, advisor Mr. Stu Mortenson, Kevin Evans, Kathy Faber, Tim Cooper, Jan Vroegendewey, Chris Harding. **Not Pictured:** Bob Kennedy, Jane Miller, Matt Hawthorne.

Close-Up

Close-Up's main Highlight was a trip taken to Washington D.C., in May. The students participated in the local, state, and National conventions. Close-Up associates the students with knowledge of the government and the world around them.

CLOSE-UP, Roberta Gort, Jeff Barton, Mary Bomers, Brian Graves, Lydia Straw, Joan Shier, Marty Balk, Sue Bayer, Kathy Faber, advisor Kelvin Keefer, Mike Coleman. **Not Pictured:** Pam Barker, Cheryl Shadowens, Shelly Johnson, Deb Trent, and Ann Stacy.

FFA

FFA, Front Row: Chad Koon, Sally Ottenwess, Bob Hustosky, Mitch Phillips, Cherie Brunsink, Sue Ottenwess, John Gross, **Second Row:** advisor Fred Bartlett, Tony Pifer, Mike Bylsma, Bruce Barker, Mike Mooney, Arnie McIntre, Annamae Dulyea, **Third Row:** Gary Gillis, Brian Fletcher, Dean Stephens, Doug Osborn, Gary Nestle, Scott Freeland, Dan White. **Fourth Row:** Brenda Trussell, Lori Brow, Joe Poulias, Marji Smith, Robin Brown, Dana French, Brian Healey, Bob DeGlopper, Jim Moulter, Bill Dulyea, Becky Taylor. **Fifth Row:** Debbie Meachum, Dan Couturier, Roni Rewa, Steve Osborn, Kevin Nelson, Chris Persinger, Dave Nichoson, Tammy Koetje, Eddie Rose. **Back Row:** Tony Polias, Joe Eckelstafer, Dave Powers, Terry Selby, Henry Millering, Randy Reeds, Rodney House.

Physics

Physics Club participated in an undefeated volleyball season, attended a physics seminar at Mr. Steaks, and operated the "Nurd Mobile". They also took an airplane flight to study "higher education." Cheryl Barr was elected "Miss Physics" by the group. They also took a picnic and attended a seminar in May.

PHYSICS, Front Row: Mr. Johnston, Rick Krantz, Keith Finigan, Lydia Straw, Doug Owen, Roberta Gort, Dianne Harvey, Kathy Faber, Randy Bowman, **Middle Row:** Jeff Barton, Lon Katschor, Scott Carlson, Jack Kersjes, Clint Phillips, Roger Vogler, **Top Row:** Rusty Shafer, Randy Crapsey, Mark Brown, James Clark, Charles Mawby, Mike Jacobs, Phil Cheadle and Lee Bosch.

Choir

The choir of 1978-79 attended the annual choir festival, competing with 12 other choirs, and received a second division rating. The Chamber Choir, a more advanced group of musicians, was invited to attend the Pantlind Hotel to perform a concert in the ballroom. Under the direction of Mr. Stephen Landane, the choir also presented winter and spring concerts.

Front Row: Sandy Bowman, Sherry Atchison, Sharon Wiersma, Denise Graves, Larry Grimm, Doug Arnold, Jay Beckett, Kay Lafferty, Keikoi Furuta, Maribeth Stuthard, Tena Barringer, Anne Nielsen. **Second Row:** Rita Smith, Dawn Bause, Terri Poisson, Jackie Quist, Ruth Taylor, Lynn VanBarrle, Steve Haner, Dave Overreem, Rick Davies, Carrie Hall, Rose Scrivner, Kathy Faber, Pam Leys, **Third Row:** Joy Wagon, Kim Russell, Jill Remelts, Jane Remelts, Kim Driver, Sherri Knipp, Mike Haver, Carl Stevens, John Andrews, Tim Cooper, Barry Cole, Matt Hawthorne, Lisa Stadt, Cindy Gillespie, Gwen Marsman, Sue Kommer, Kathy Sherd, and Mr. Stephen Landane.

ART CLUB, Front Row: President Rose Steimel, Vice president Julie Hormuth, Treasurer Pat Bradley, **Middle Row:** Penny Niswonger, Tracy Kimble, Cheryl Cook, Sue Stelma, **Back Row:** advisor Mr. Ken Vidro, Laurie Hormuth, Bruce Osborn, Mark Vasilneck, Linda Cook, and Kevin Sanderson.

Art Club

The Art Club was very active the 78-79 school year. They held an arts and crafts booth in the Junior Carnival, a Prom day car wash, and participated in volleyball, bowling, and softball tournaments with other clubs. The Art Club also took a trip to tour the Grand Rapids Art Museum and a day at the Detroit Tigers baseball game in June.

French Club

Tennis and volleyball tournaments were just a few of the many activities the French Club participated in. Also a pastry booth in the Junior Carnival, a car wash, and candy sales. The Frenchies attended the National French contest at Calvin College and visited the "La Fontaine" restaurant in Chicago.

FRENCH CLUB, Front Row: Sue Dow, Lisa Hutchinson, Melissa Gerner, Bonnie Schipper, Sue Mansewicz, Linda Roberts, Linda Leistner, Cindy Pearson, Diane Whitman, **Second Row:** Kevin Evans, Tim Weaver, Shari Finigan, Dave Soderhren, Sandy Douglas, Sandy Newland, Chris Meeker, Cheryl Frampton, Diane Kotowski, Lucy Graves, Wendy Grinnel, Deb Degler, Nate Clum, Matt Clum, Mrs. Leslie Matthews. **Third Row:** Mike Coleman, Mark Lyzun, Sandi Summers, Lisa Swanson, Michelle Kozlowski, Cindy Burton, Vicki Finch, and Sandy Menke.

Latin Club

The Latin Club raised money selling candy canes at Christmas and carnations on Valentines Day. In the 5th annual French-Latin tennis tournament the Romans were victorious over the Frenchies. The Latin Club attended the MJCL state convention where Mike Jacobs was chosen as President. The Latins also ate at a Italian restaurant.

LATIN CLUB, Front Row: John Prussner, Debbie Holbrook, Cindy Bayn, Barb Beemer, Karen Hill, Carol VanderKlipp, Cathy Weldon, Colleen Modzeleski, **Second Row:** Tom McEnaly, Gregg De Graff, Denise Sonke, Dave Polus, Carole Brown, Mary Baldridge, Chuck Thomas, **Third Row:** Barb Lyonhall, Jill Roberts, Laura McCuaig, Kathy Meindle, Becky Woods, Laura Roberts, Sally Rollenhagon, Yvonne Labiotka, Ms. Cook. **Fourth Row:** Brian Graves, George Bera, Greg Miller, Dave Wilson, Joycelynn Philips, Lynne VanBarrle, Jeff Schutt, and Tom Reynolds.

Library Aids

The purpose of library aids is to assist the librarians in checking incoming and outgoing books and writing overdue slips for books. They also help the students find materials needed and also help keep the library clean.

AIDS, From left to right: Patti Jorgensen, Trdy Turner, Sue Bayer, Tracy Bice, Lori Weemhoff, Jill Roberts, Kris Porta, Renee Bowman, Cheryl Cook, Kris Sadowski, and Robin Brown. **Not Pictured:** Mrs. Zwiers, advisor.

A.V. Assistants

The Audio Visual Aids were kept busy providing teachers and students with needed audio visual equipment and performed such tasks as running off copies, and setting up movie projectors. Advisor for the group is Mr. Tom Tebeau.

Audio Visual Aids, Evelyn Krey, Glenna Boggs, Mr. Tom Teabeau, Randy Bowman, Scott Carlson, Kevin Fish, Gary Johnson, **Not Pictured:** Lauri Meir, Tim Fegal, Bill Swim, Rick Ehinsee and Tim Littleton.

Varsity Club

The Varsity clubs main goal during the 1978-1979 school year was to refurnish the weight room. The athletes managed to raise $1500. The club ran the pop machines and sponsored other fund raising events. Coach John Srholec was the advisor.

VARSITY CLUB, Bottom Row: John Pierce, Jim Bivins, Joe Deering, Scott Smith, Matt Weldon, Dave Anderson, Julie Janicki, Marcia Konkle, Brian Dolph, Advisor, Mr. Srholec. **Top row:** Jeff Ham, Bob Krestakos, Mike Coleman, Dan Rudman

FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has a very busy year. They attended a Michigan State University football game and a basketball game at Western Michigan University. They sponsored the annual Faculty Basketball game and a R.H.S. after game dance.

FCA, Front Row, Dave Anderson, Chad Randall, Matt Weldon, Pat Pokorny. **Second Row:** Tim Cooper, Steve Kurtz, Dave Bernhardt, Doug Swider, Jim Bivins. **Back Row:** Coach DeGood, Scott Smith, Todd Tinker, Kevin Baker, Todd Anderson, Jeff Travis, Mike Coleman, Marty Balk, Greg Robinson, Dan Rudman, Rick Baker, Dan Ursal, John Pierce

Winds

The prestigious Wind Ensemble, requiring membership by audition only, maintained their high level of performance this year. Under the direction of **Mr. David Bass,** they gave numerous concerts including one with a professional pianist. They advanced to state wide band festival and received the highest possible ratings.

WIND ENSEMBLE Front Row: Sue Dow, Shelly Herremans, Patti Priebe, Cathy Lauferski, Mary Beldridge, Lynn Hemphill, Sue Ingraham, Ann Stacy, Donna Wozniak, Karen Lammers. **Second Row:** Dawn Smith, Lydia Straw, Carrie Hall, Barb Blanchard, Nate Clum, Polly Bolt, Marlene Plesher, Caroln Clymer, Barry Bernhart, Gary Coleman, John Neihaus. **Third Row:** Matt Clum, John Wolthuis, Lester Olson, Martha Meek, Sandy Pothuma, Bob Baldridge, Tom Martin, Phil Cheadle, Jenny Graves, **Fourth Row:** Tracy Ziebarth, Dave Wilson, Polly Hoopingarner, Keith Finigan, Craig Priebe, Brett May, Rick Tillman, Clint Phillips. Standing: Bill Brillinger, Jim Clark, Bill Wynne, and Eric Kempf.

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic band, under the direction of **Mr. Stephen Landane,** advanced to state-side band festival and received a second division rating this year. They gave many performances, including a winter and spring concert, and participated in the annual Arts Festival.

SYMPHONIC BAND, Front Row: Molly Zenk, Jamie Lvanduski, Ann Briemayer, Ann Brodowski, Diane Kotowski, Jan Vroegindewey, Roberta Gort, Karen Clove, Carolyn Clawson, Annette Kovach. **Second Row:** Brenda Stinson, Karen Laufersky, Brenda Rule, Rhonda Fisk, Kelly Douser, Mary Ann Reh, Sherri Charles, Tammi Krantz, Sue Draper, Mary Baker, Laurie Prysby, Barb Davies, Beth Forner, Lisa Gebauer, Chris Richards, Maureen Morrissey, Lisa Stadt. **Third Row:** Pam Wilhelm, Kathy Sheldon, Barb Beemer, Laura Barry, Sara Brady, Diane Gort, Sandy Menke, Cindy Wierman, Cindy Simpson, Paula Myers, Melissa Genson, Sue Barton, DeAnna Brown, Dave Barton, Carl Wainright, Leslie Whitman, Colleen Gaunt, Connie Gorb, Peg Fessenden, Sandy Lindquist, Craig Carlson, Tom Owen. **Fourth Row:** Connie Hanson, Sue Davenport, Sue Pellegram, Natalie Border, Terra Decker, Michele London, Amber Tetzlaff, Cindy Jones, Evelyn Blossom, Robin Stuart, Kathie Curtice, Lora Place, Pete Nielsen, Charlie Mawby, Lisa Burgoon, Mark Roossinck, Mark Pedley, Tom Lovell, Brian Markin, Kurt Neigebauer, Mike Jacobs, Joe Wozniak, Dave Degler, Jason Lovell, Dan Posthema, Larry Wainright. **Fifth Row:** Larry Mull, Scott Nelson, Brian Sherman, Dave Sodergren, Mart Phillips, Rick Krantz, Lori Rohn, Ray Nielsen.

Concert Band

Under the direction of Mr. David Bass, the Concert Band attended district as well as state-wide band festival. They received a first division rating at district competition and a second division rating at state. The Concert Band also performed a winter and spring concert.

CONCERT BAND, First Row: Katie Mawby, Dawn Grant, Lynne Burnett, Sue Miller, Kerrie Smith, Lisa Owen, Leslie Nelson, Shelly Anderson, Tami Moll, Sheri Finnegan: **Second Row:** Laurie Novenske, Laura Thomas, Lori Finrich, Sheri Matulis, Jill Leggett, Laura White, Nancy Clark, Amy Pitsch, Chris Burnett, Rosemary Lee, Wendy Workema, Rosemary Ault, Dorothy Radke, Diana Brown, Janine Herin. **Third Row:** June Durant, Mary Walters, Becky Young, Amy Whitman, Terri Mull, Karen Woods, Julie Prysby, Mary Krygier, Gary Nestle, Kurt Ehinger, Tim Brown, Jeff Sawinski, Darryl Mahoy, Dan Davis, Doug Clawson. **Fourth Row:** Diane Coleman, Mary Tillman, Dan Couturier, Phil Hale, John Lovell, Jay Clark, Mari Zenk, Mike Lee, Rick Peters, Forrest Krantz, Mike Barbieau, Rod Schaub, Mike Forrest, John Stevens, Mike Modzeleski, Jim Harrington, David Bernhardt, **Fifth Row:** Kirk Phillips, Diane Pedley, Lisa Douglas, Howard Baughman, Brian Dentler, Tim Case. **Not Pictured:** Ed Landry, Karen Olmstead.

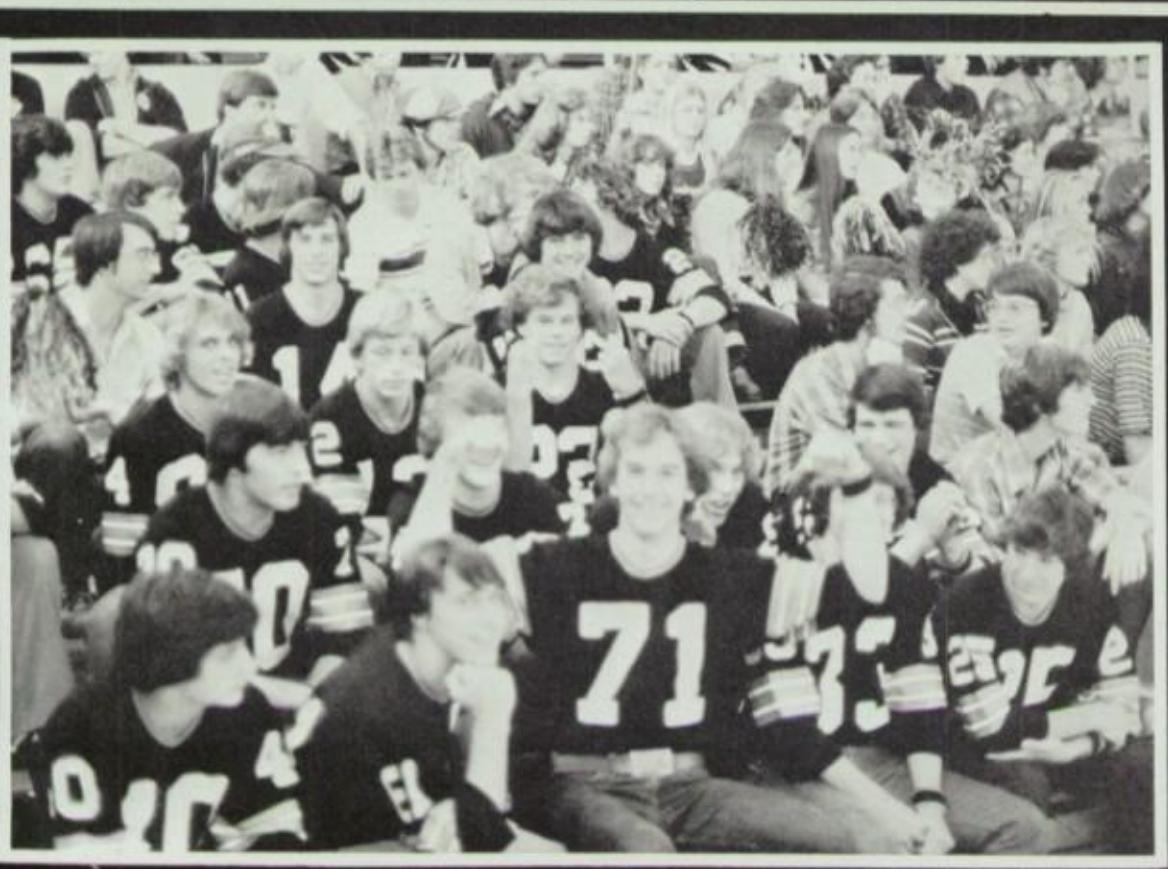
Orchestra

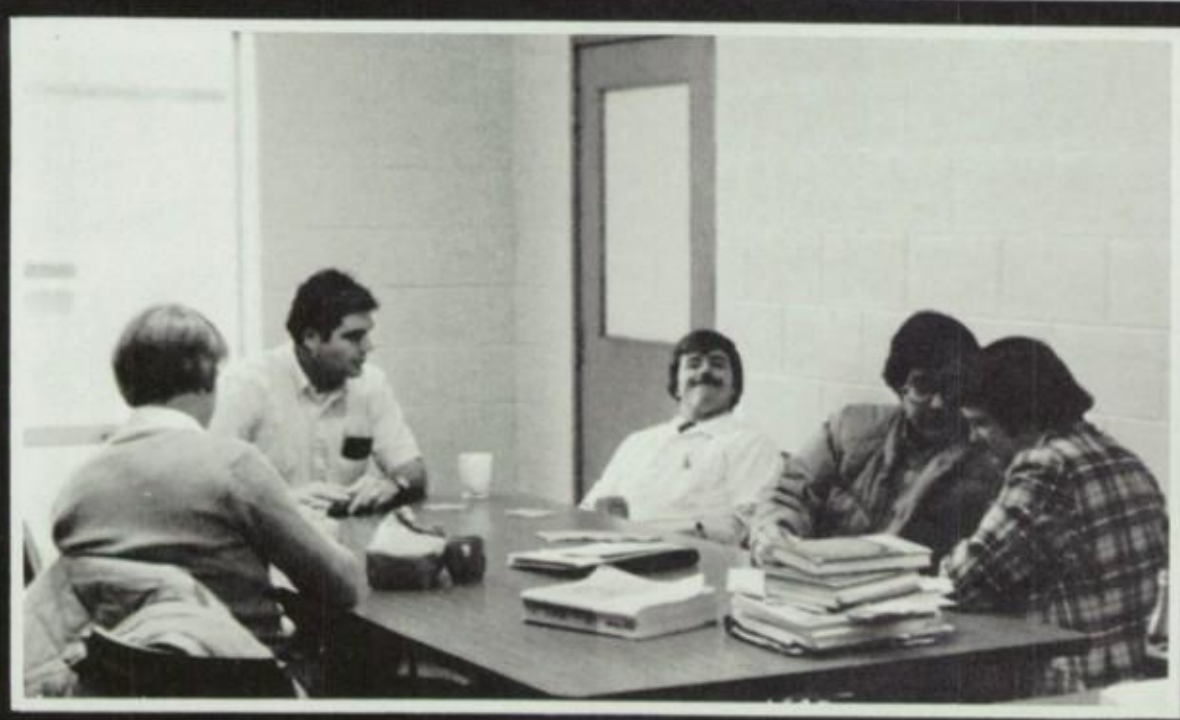
This year's Orchestra received a perfect rating in performance at the state Orchestra Festival. A surprising accomplishment, as they were the smallest orchestra in the state to receive such good ratings. The Orchestra had fall, Christmas and spring concerts. They also performed at Expo '79. The director was **Mr. David Bass.**

ORCHESTRA, First Row: Laura Darmiento, Ann Mawby, Renee Brodowski, Monica Workings, Rita Ault, Karen Lammers, Bonnie Sewell, Dan Davis, Polly Bolt. **Second Row:** Debbie Ambrose, Eric Lucas, Patty Preibe, Jenny Lovell, Sandy Menke, Cathy Laufersky, Nate Clum, Lynn Hemphil, Sue Ingraham, Ann Stacey, Pam Wilhelm, Beverly Beckett, Scott Slagter. **Third Row:** Bill Brillinger, Bill Wynne, Eric Kemph, Dave Bernhardt, Jenny Graves, Mary Krygier, Martha Meek, Sandy Posthuma, Brett May, Rick Tillman, Pete Nielson.

So . . . We Remember . . .

"Mork and Mindy", "Animal House", "Up in Smoke", Cheryls — Ladd & Tiegs, Steve Martin, The Pope, "Grease", "Saturday Night Live", John Belushi, Yankees win the World Series, Bob Segar, snow days, parking problems . . .





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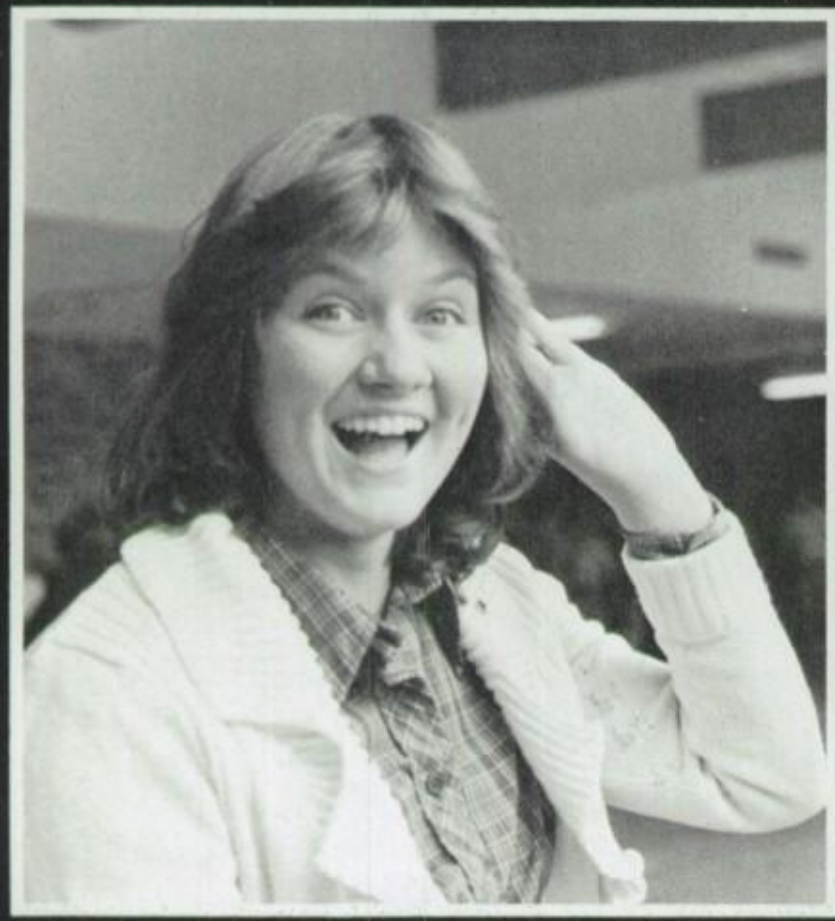
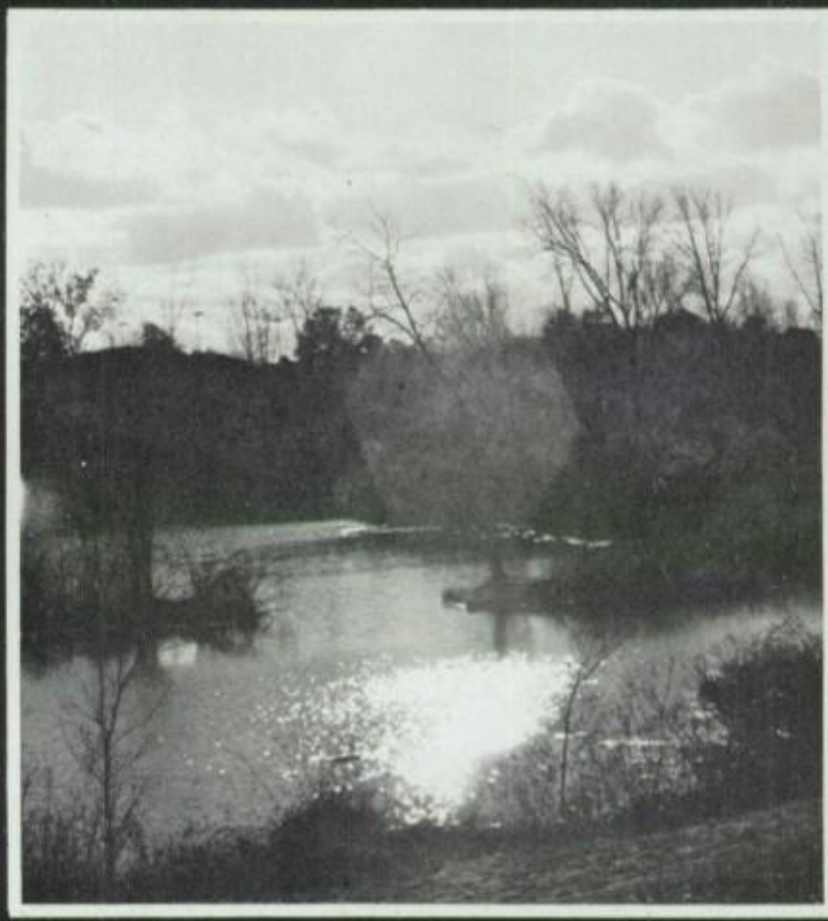
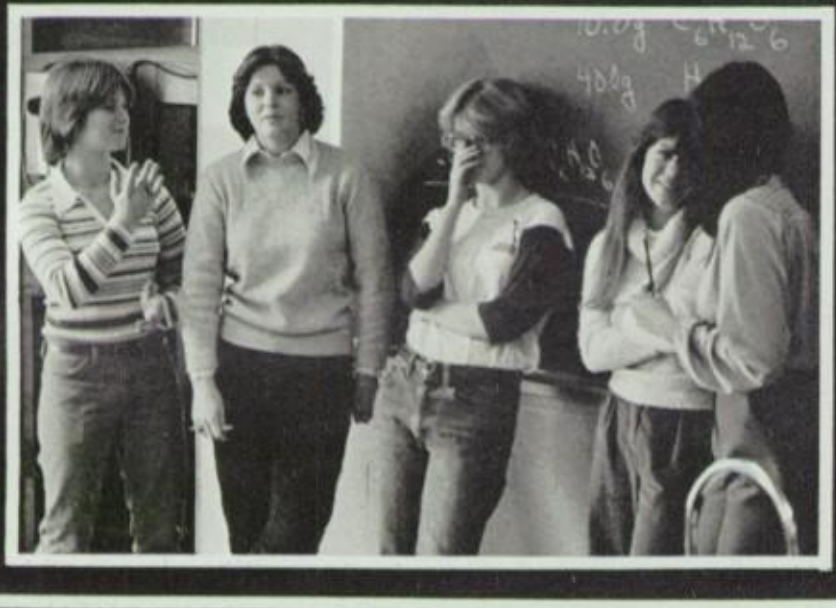
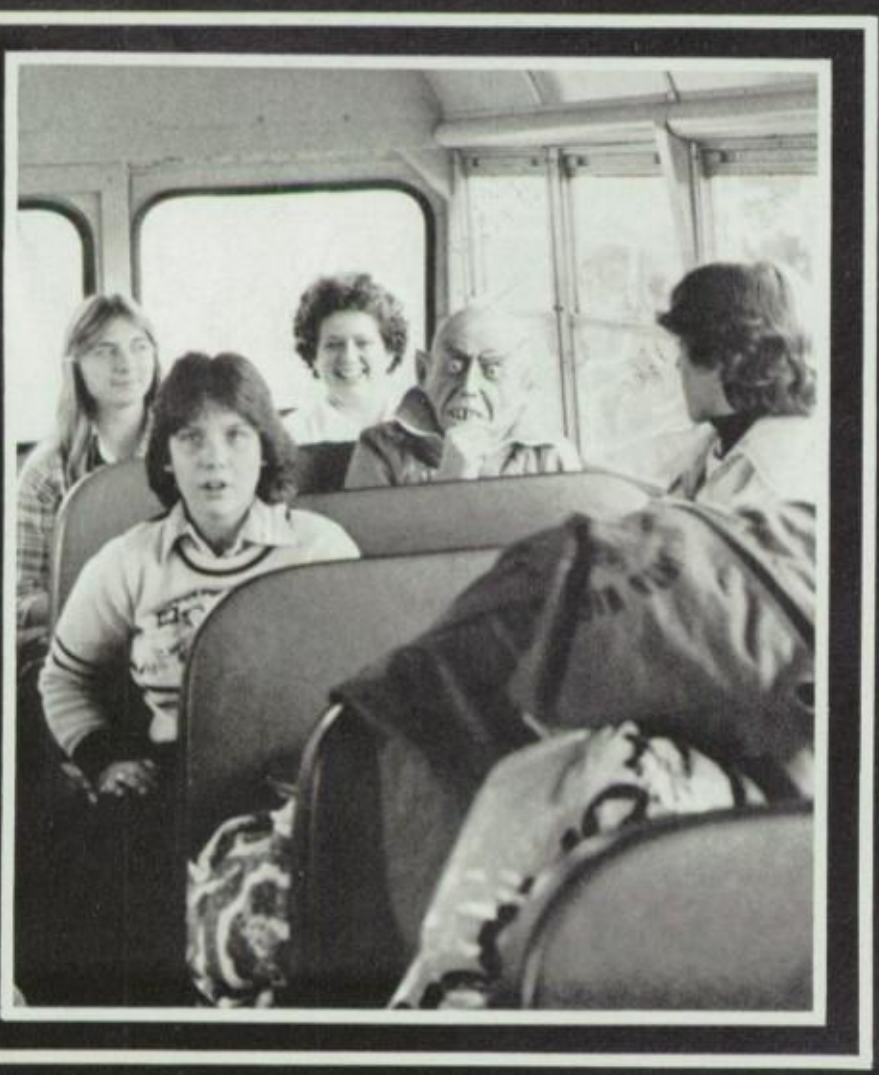




... Gas per/gal. at 85.9¢ and climbing ... , "Toto", "Poco", MSU NCAA Champs & "Magic" Johnson goes pro, "items of torment", Harper Creek, Rod Stewart thinks he's sexy, Candies, clogs, and Bass shoes, straight leg pants, headbands, ponytails, styled hair, double-pierced ears, designer jeans ...

. . . jobs, Pizza Hut & Fred's & Vitales, The "FOX" 101, "Wizzard" of Rock, LAV, the Ashram, Disco, "The Logical Song", "Styx", Townsend Park, INFLATION, exams, and as Rosanna Rosanna Danna would say, "There's always somethin' . . . ", **"CATCH 'EM WHILE YOU CAN!"**





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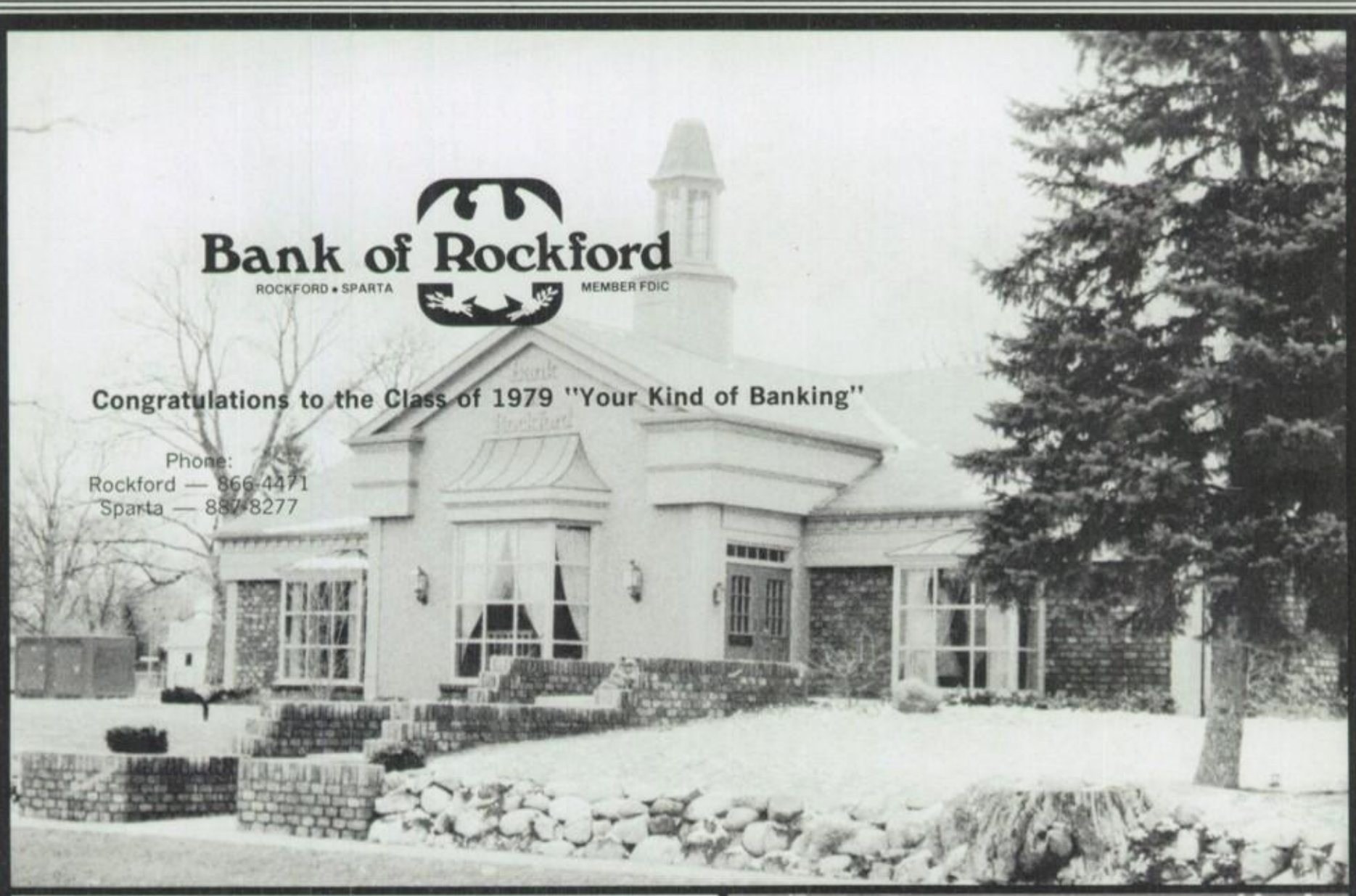

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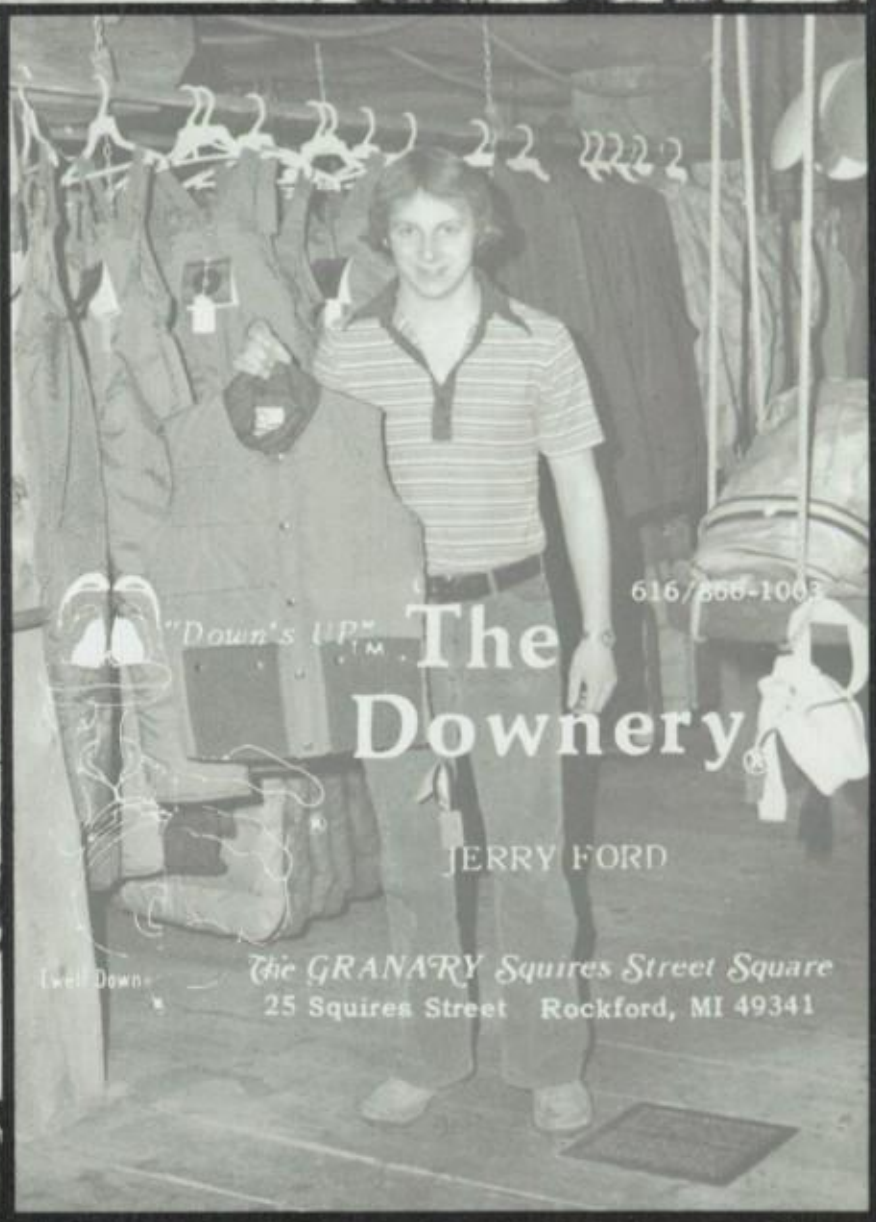

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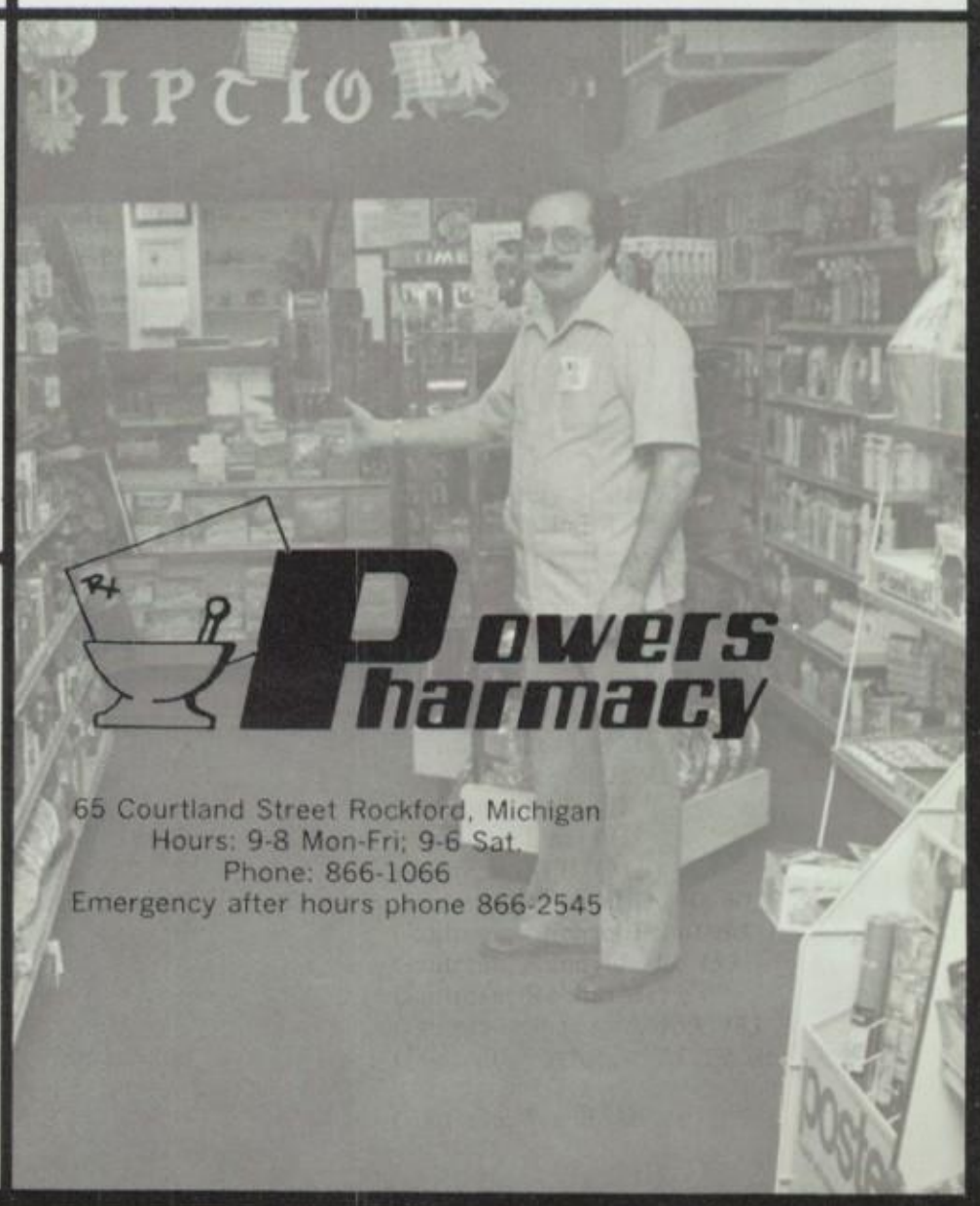

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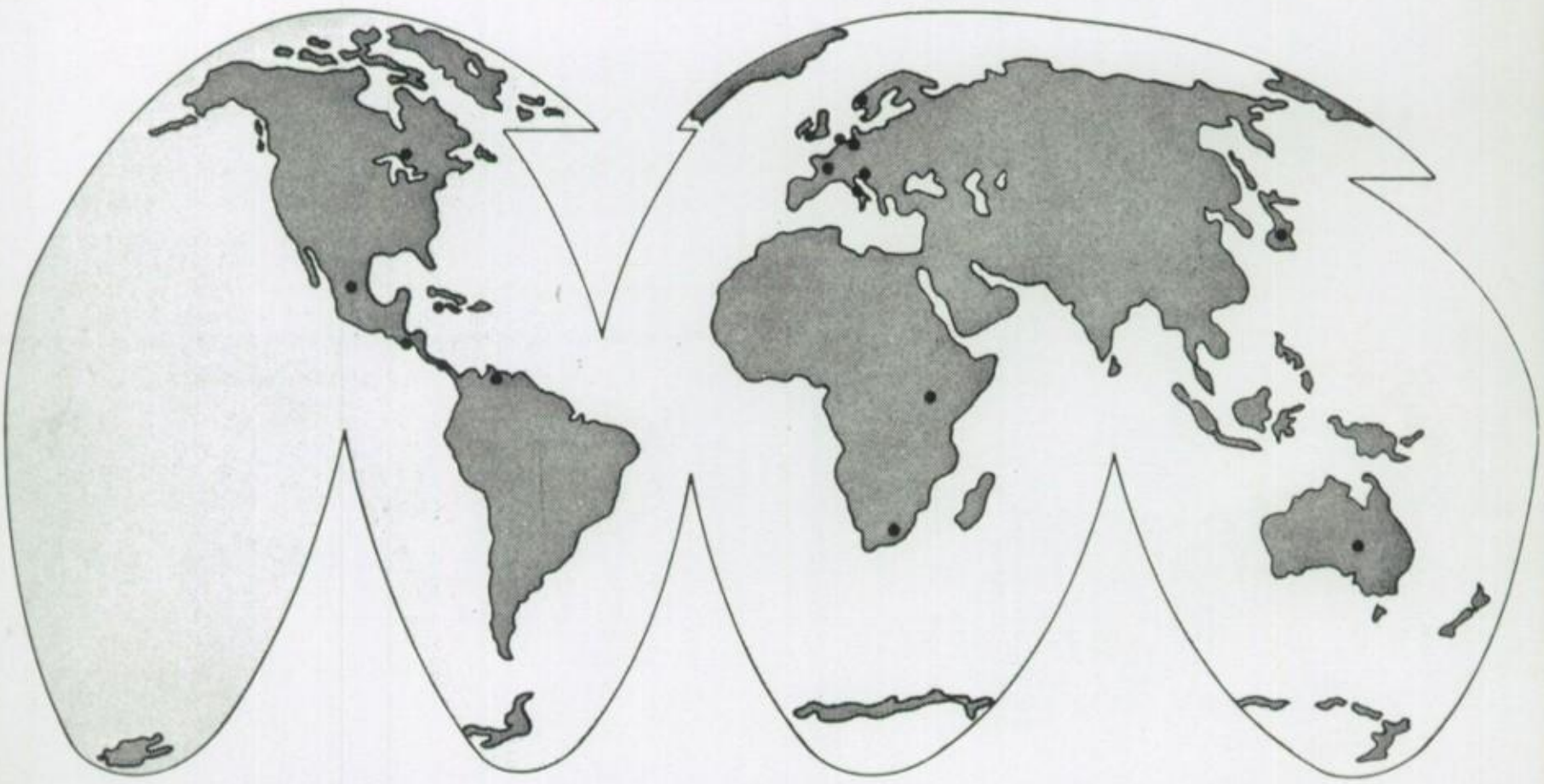

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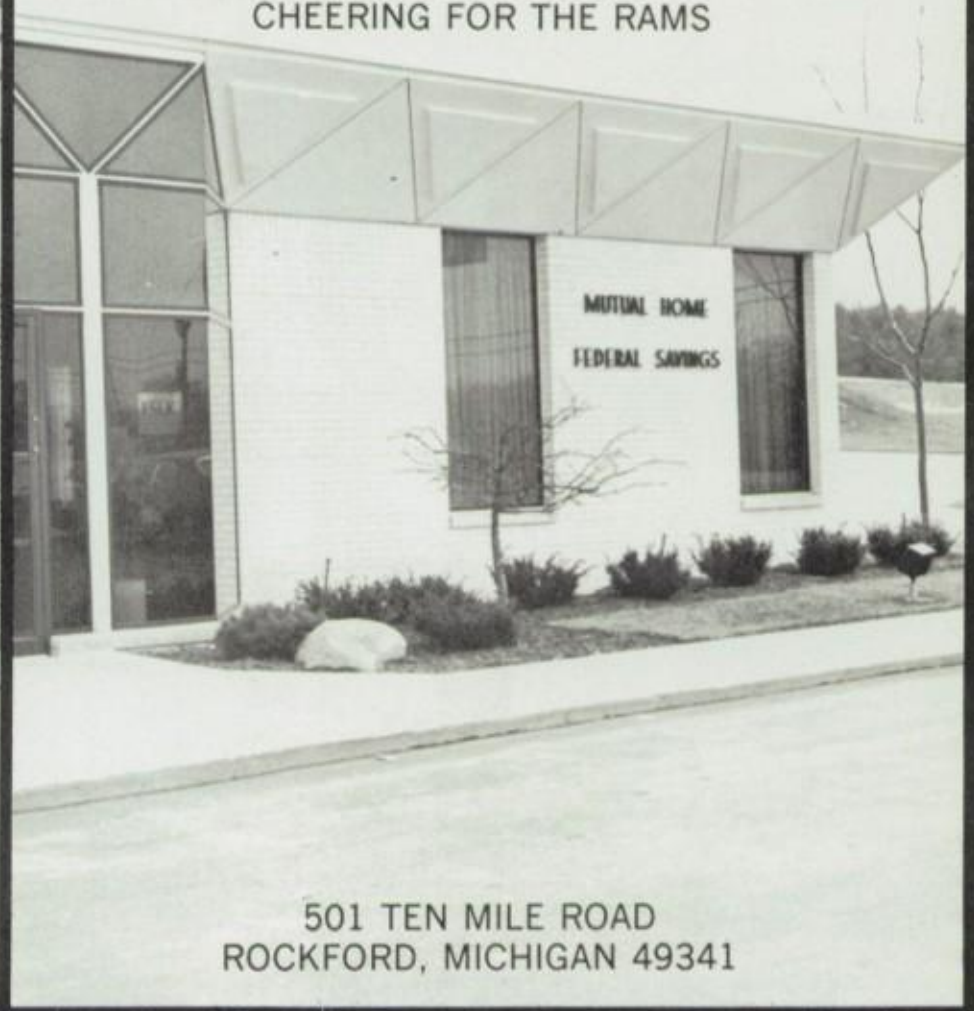

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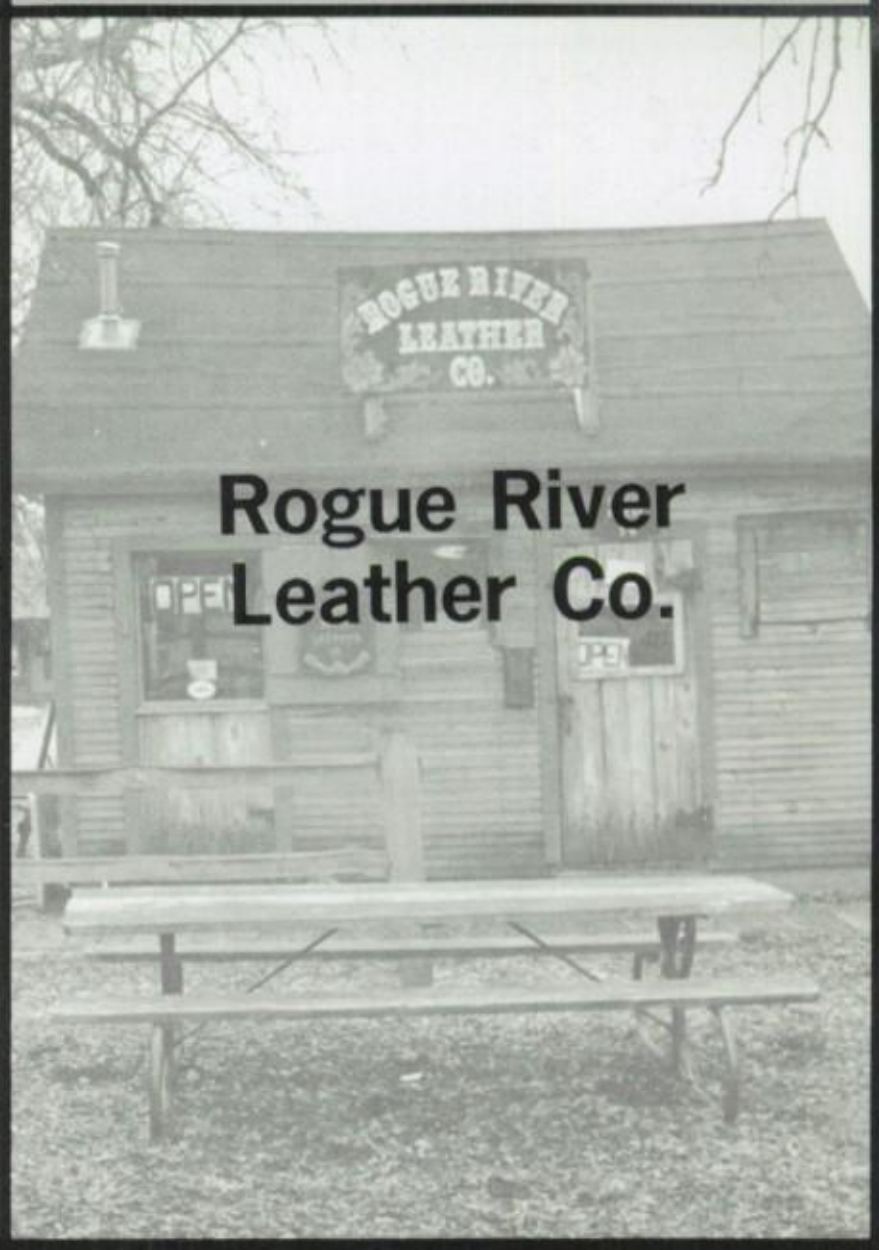

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To one of the ~~Bas~~ Raciest, Horniest, Horniest, Horni

Diane
how's the
fry doing pretty
good hah. so what
do you have planed for
this winter any trips you
can take that two ways.

catch ya later
take it slow an
easy

Jackie mansel
"81"

DIANE,
It's been
real. your a
Riot to have in
class. Do you remember
gym class + hair conditioner +
Shampee + hagen. I really
Sally Rolling that class. after we broke
had alot of fun in TIM S. class. How
about the time + through the
up + he got mad at me + yourself + I hope
at me. Well behave
good in softball. Friends
do Always
Tim

Diane,

We really had a good year last year in all ways. Especially in softball. We are going to have a better one this year and I really hope you can make all-conference. Well good luck in the future.

Cindy Laage
"80"

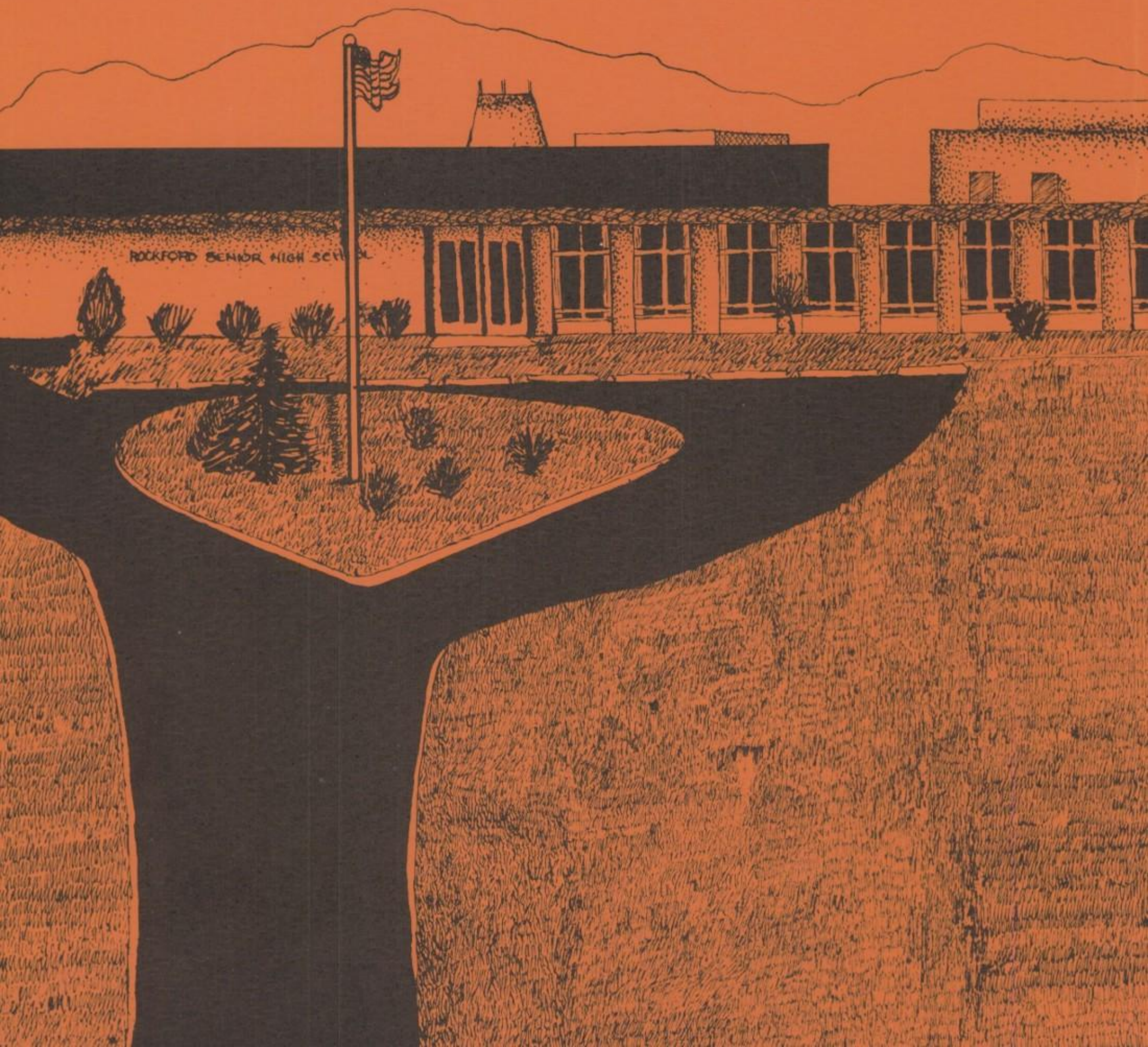
DIANA
HAD FUN THIS YEAR
BUT I'VE CHANGED
AND I FEEL BETTER
AND
CALL ME SOMETIME
LOVE
[illegible]

Diane,
It was a nice evening
when we talked. Thanks
again for the invite. Please
write me sometime
and let me know
what you are doing
now. Maybe we
can get together
sometime soon.
Cindy Colson

Diane,
We had lots of fun
snowball watching the
snow fall, haha! Call me
sometime so we
can do something
sometime.
Cindy Colson

Diane
It was fun in typing last year - hopefully this year will be fun ta.
Have fun and dont get into too much trouble.
see ya later
Kris Porter

its been fun Diane
going up on the hill with ya.
Stay cool
YFA
Juanita
Hansma



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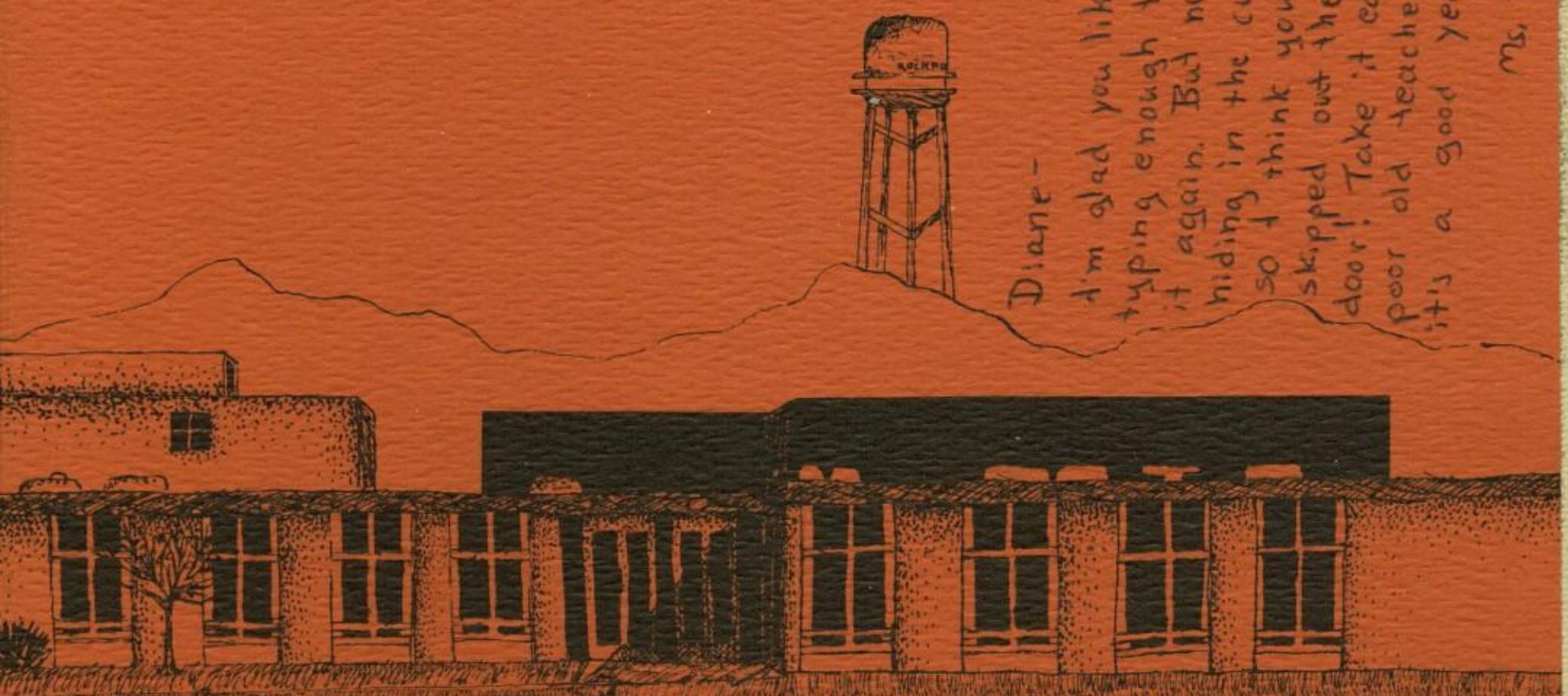
Sweetwoman,
Have good smart
thru the future, I
sure will. Still living
my motto one every
to see you some time,
Lynn
Schield
'80

Diane-
I'm glad you like
typing enough to take
it again. But no more
hiding in the curtains
so I think you've
skipped out the back
door! Take it easy on us
poor old teachers! Hope
it's a good year.
Ms. Hughes



Rick Dawson